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SCHOOL READINESS & ONLINE ADMISSIONS UPDATE

10 JANUARY 2022

2023 SCHOOL READINESS PLAN

- The 2023 academic school year for the learners will commence on **11 January 2023**.
- The GDE develops annual School Readiness Plan outlining progress and plans to ensure that teaching and learning commence on the first day of the 2023 academic year.



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INFRASTRUCTURE

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INFRASTRUCTURE INTERVENTION

The Department has prioritised the following infrastructure interventions in 2022/23, in response to:

- **Emergency repairs and renovations due to burglaries, vandalism and arson attacks**
 - 120 schools have been affected by Vandalism since the beginning of the 2022 academic year
 - 24 schools were affected by vandalism during the December holiday period
 - Vandalism included a variety of damage and theft of school property
 - Repairs to vandalised schools have been ongoing since October 2022 and none of the 120 schools were closed because of vandalism
 - A total of 488 schools were receiving day-to-day infrastructure maintenance
- **Improvement in the supply of water and sanitation**
 - 67 emergency provisions of water were supplied to schools through filled water tanks
 - 20 emergency sanitation units were provided to schools to alleviate shortage

ADDITIONAL CLASSROOMS AND SCHOOLS

To address admissions pressure and overcrowding, the Department has:

- Allocated funds to 108 High Pressure Schools for 408 Self-built Classrooms in January 2022. Subsequently at the end of 2022, funds were transferred to 297 schools to build additional 878 classrooms. The 297 schools are in the process of building
- 4 new schools are scheduled to open in 2023
(3 Secondary schools and 1 Primary School)

PROVISION OF NEW SCHOOLS

The following Four new brick & mortar schools are scheduled

Project Name	Status	Status
Mapenane Secondary School (Garankuwa)	100%	New school to open on 11 January 2023
Braamfisher Primary School	85%	Construction in progress Learners Currently in Decanting site
Semphatho Secondary School (Soshanguve)	48%	Construction in progress Learners Currently in Decanting site
Ribane Laka Secondary School (Mamelodi East)	50%	Construction in progress Learners Currently in Decanting site

2023 OPENING OF SCHOOLS CAMPAIGN

- Gauteng Education MEC will host the official opening of **Mapenane Secondary School** on 11 January 2023 as part of the Back to School Campaign
- Members of the Executive Council will conduct oversight visits to monitor the overall readiness of schools on the day of re-opening of schools for learners (11 January 2023) as part of Government's commitment to Education.
- The Back to School Campaign undertaken by Members of the Executive Council has successfully brought the focus of all communities onto the importance of education and why it remains the apex priority of the province and the country.
- These oversight visits to schools send a clear message that the Gauteng Provincial Government supports:
 - Making education an apex priority, and
 - The non-negotiables, namely:
 - All learners are in class, on time, learning with the necessary stationery and textbooks;
 - All educators are in class, on time, teaching with the correct resources



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SCHOOL FURNITURE

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SCHOOL FURNITURE

- Furniture to the value of R 180 million was procured during the financial 2021-2022 year and most deliveries were completed.
- The table below indicates furniture quantities delivered to needy schools:

LP Desk	LP Chairs	HP Table	HP Chairs	Sec Desk	Sec Chairs	Edu Tables 2 drawer	Edu Chairs
11 288	21 807	17 740	37 402	48 772	61 316	2 435	3 110

- 459 Primary and 267 Secondary Schools received furniture during this period

The table below indicates furniture quantities delivered to needy schools during the 2022 academic year:

PS Chairs (GR 1-3)	PS Chairs (GR 4-7)	PS Tables (GR 1-3)	PS Tables (GR 4-7)	Sec: Chairs	Sec: Single Table
37386	54131	19709	24991	67056	54678

193 Primary and 62 Secondary Schools received furniture during the current academic year.



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LTSM PROVISION

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LEARNING AND TEACHING SUPPORT MATERIAL (LTSM)

The LTSM ordering process for Textbooks for both schools with and without Section 21.1c function for the 2023 academic year commenced on 23 June 2022.

Deliveries were finalised by 30 November 2022

Due to theft of stationery experienced by schools during December school holidays, 3 schools arranged to receive deliveries in January 2023 two days before schools re-opening.



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FILLING OF VACANCIES AT SCHOOL, CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT LEVEL

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FILLING OF SCHOOL-BASED VACANCIES

All vacancies in the Gauteng Department of Education will be filled as follows for the 2023 academic year:

Post level 1 educators:

- **All additional educators** will be placed in identified posts between **November 2022 to March 2023**
- Qualifying **temporary educators will be converted into permanent status** after 3 months in line with ELRC collective agreement 4 of 2018
- All remaining **vacant posts will be filled temporarily** from 01 January 2023 - until 31 December 2023
- **Vacant promotional posts will be utilised to appoint temporary** educators against the post, until it is filled permanently
- New entrants / unemployed graduates will be sourced from the GDE unemployed educator database
- **ADHOC posts** (growth, substitute, IIAL, Magnet are utilised to employ new entrants



FILLING OF SCHOOL-BASED VACANCIES – CONT....

Vacant promotion (Post level 2-4) posts will be filled permanently, through open vacancy circulars, as follows:

Submission of GDE 79 forms (application to advertise form)	Date of Publication	Vacancy Circular Number	Type of posts
01 - 10 February 2023	17 April 2023	Vacancy Circular 02/2023	Educator (promotion PL 2-4) and Education Chief/Therapist posts)
20 - 31 March 2023	05 June 2023	Vacancy Circular 04 /2023	Public Servant staff posts
17 - 28 April 2023	24 July 2023	Vacancy Circular 06/2023	Educator (promotion PL 2-4) and Education Chief/Therapist posts)
18 - 29 September 2023	27 November 2023	Vacancy Circular 10/2023	Principal posts



FILLING OF VACANCIES AT CIRCUIT AND DISTRICT LEVEL

Submission of HR 1 forms (application to advertise form)	Date of vacancy	Vacancy Circular Number	Type of posts
28 November 2022	13 February 2023	Vacancy Circular 01/2023	Senior Education Specialists & Deputy Education Specialists
19 April 2022	17 May 2023	Vacancy Circular 03/2023	ASD, DD, CES, Education Psychologists, Chief Therapists
26 May 2022	26 June 2023	Vacancy Circular 05/2023	Public Servant staff posts (Level 7 - 8)
04 August 2022	11 September 2023	Vacancy Circular 07/2023	Senior Education Specialists & Deputy Education Specialists
22 September 2022	23 October 2023	Vacancy Circular 08 /2023	ASD, DD, CES, Education Psychologists, Chief Therapists
14 October 2022	20 November 2023	Vacancy Circular 09/2023	Public Servant staff posts (Salary Level 2 - 5)



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2023

GR1 AND GR 8 LEARNER

PLACEMENTS

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PLACEMENT PROGRESS

- The Department is continuing to place Grade 1 & 8 learners who were applied for during the 2023 Online Admissions application period.
- Currently, there are applicants that remain unplaced, while some applicants who previously had **incomplete applications** continue to be placed.



TOTAL UNIQUE APPLICANTS WITH COMPLETE APPLICATIONS			
GRADE	TOTAL UNIQUE APPLICANTS WITH COMPLETE APPLICATIONS	TOTAL PLACED	TOTAL UNPLACED
1	139 464	139 228	236
8	152 681	151 523	1 158
Grand Total	292 145	290 751	1 394
% Progress		99.52%	0.48%

DETAIL OF UNPLACED APPLICANTS

- In Ekurhuleni North District :
 - ❖ 236 Grade 1 applicants remain unplaced in Olifantsfontein
 - ❖ The school will receive 3 additional mobile units to increase the school capacity
 - ❖ More mobile units will be accommodated on the grounds of a local church to accommodate the remaining unplaced Grade 1 applicants
 - ❖ 501 Grade 8 applicants remain unplaced in the Kempton Park Area
 - ❖ The schools will confirm the available spaces for further placement once placed applicants report to schools on day 1
 - ❖ The schools will be requested use specialist rooms to accommodate learners
- In Tshwane West District :
 - ❖ 223 Grade 8 applicants around Akasia/Theresa Park remain unplaced
 - ❖ The department is in the process of building a satellite high school to accommodate the remaining unplaced applicants

DETAIL OF UNPLACED APPLICANTS

- In Johannesburg West District :
 - ❖ 434 Grade 8 applicants remain unplaced in Roodepoort
 - ❖ The department is negotiating to occupy facilities used by Robinhood College in Maraisburg
 - ❖ 10 Classrooms not in use will be cleaned with minor renovations done before the end of January 2023

LATE APPLICATIONS

- Late applications were opened on 20 December 2022
- Applicants who applied during this period were **auto placed** at available schools
- Late applications will close on 31 January 2023, and catchup programs will be implemented at affected schools
- Applicants who submitted applications without providing proof of residence will be treated as late applications and will also be auto placed at schools with available spaces
- Late applicants cannot be transferred to schools of choice
- This is the number of applicants we received during the Late Application period, who were **auto placed** at available schools:

GRADE	TOTAL LATE APPLICANTS
1	5 739
8	2 636
Grand Total	8 375

PLACEMENT INTERVENTIONS

- The Department procured a total of 419 mobiles to address pressure of unplaced applications across the province
- The procurement of self-build classroom is also used to increase placement capacity
- We continue to encourage schools to be part of the self-build programme
- In high pressure areas we are establishing satellite schools
- There is a concerted effort to work with the sister departments to acquire more land to increase the number of schools in high pressure areas

APPEALS

- **The Department has received a total of 4801 appeals emanating from objected placements offered to applicants**
- **We are working tirelessly to finalise these appeals**



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