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Gauteng late applications at 4000, districts working to place learners

The Gauteng Department of Education has received about 4000 late applications for space this year. This figure is less than the figure we had during the same period last year.

At the end of the operation centres last year, we had handled about 15 000 late applications for space in January and about 12 000 the year before. In 2010, we had about 25 000 late applications.

The lower figures this year could be attributed to starting the school registration period two months earlier in 2012. Parents could apply between 22 May and 27 July 2012. After the closing date, we started assessing school readiness for 2013 in terms of textbooks, stationery, furniture, human resources and need for extra classes. We wish to thank all parents who applied during that time as this has enabled us to have a smooth first day of schooling this year.

We urge all parents who are still seeking space in 2013 to go to their nearest district operation centre for assistance. They should not go to school and apply for space as schools are now dealing with learning and teaching. Districts would know the availability of space in their regions and can advise parents regarding schools that accommodate their children. Parents may not get the school of their choice but we will attempt to find the next best school in terms of proximity to their place of residence or work.

This year, we will start early with applications for space in 2014 and we will make an announcement in due course. We urge parents to use that period to apply on time for space in the 2014 schooling year. Parents will be given a reference number that shows their position in the waiting list.

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