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GDE Online Admissions Applications Placement Period Underway

The Gauteng Department of Education has today, 24 July 2017, commenced with placement of learners, which closes on 30 October 2017. Parents will receive offers of placement by SMS and have seven days (7) to accept or reject the offer. Parents are urged to respond to the placement offer by either accepting or rejecting it.

However not all parents will receive an SMS before the end of August. Districts are working with schools to sign off and verify final list of admission per school. This process was delayed by the winter school holidays.

Parents are urged not to panic if they have not received an SMS in the next three weeks. However, they should contact the district if no SMS notification has been received after three weeks from today.

Those parents that have been informed that their application has been declined can lodge an objection with the district. The objection form is attainable on our website www.education.gpg.gov.za or at the school.

Initial placement statistics will not be available until later next week.

A total of 12 684 applications were made by Non-South African Citizens. When incomplete documents are submitted and the parent submits proof of application from Department of Home Affairs, schools will accept learners provisionally. The above provision is applicable to both South-African and Non- South African citizens. Schools will keep a database of undocumented learners and parents.

The department commends parents for heeding the call to apply online and on time. “Once more, we thank the people of Gauteng for the overwhelming response to the online admissions. The early processing of admissions means that learning and teaching can commence on the first day of the 2018 academic calendar,” says MEC Panyaza Lesufi.

GDE Condemn protest action to reject a principal due to colour of their skin

The Department has learnt the disturbing news that the community in Klipspruit West has rejected the principal because of their skin colour. This action is strongly condemned, as it runs against the non-racial principles of our society. Educators are appointed on the basis of qualification and experience.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education’s Acting Head of Communication Oupa Bodibe on 011 355 1530 or 072 645 4569.

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