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Learner placement drastically reduced on the 12th Day of Schooling

The Gauteng Department of Education is pleased to announce that the number of unplaced learners whose parents applied online has been drastically reduced to **2 865**.

Late applications and placements are increasing daily and the number has increased to **18 327**. Of the people that applied late, **9 651** learners are placed. This brings total number of learners placed in January 2017 to **65 651**.

Districts and schools remain in close contact to follow-up on queries from parents of unplaced learners. We are encouraged by the work of our district officials working in 62 operations centres. We urge parents to visit these centres for assistance.

Delays in payment of NSC Exam markers

The department has been granted approval by the Provincial Treasury to reallocation of funds in order to effect the balance of payment to markers. The total budget earmarked for the payment of markers was R120 million of which R81 million has already been

paid. The department regrets the delay and assures all markers that they will be paid the outstanding amounts in due course.

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