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Gauteng Department of Education Appeals to parents to confirm Offers of Placement

The Gauteng Department of Education appeals to parents that have received offers of placement to respond immediately. About **71 275** parents have not yet responded to offers of placement, which may result in these parents forfeiting their spot on the queue. In addition, the lack of response is causing serious delays on the system. The Department has sent SMS notification to these parents to remind them to respond to the offers of placement.

Since the placement period started three weeks ago on the 24 of July, **117 081** learners have been placed, **65 595** in Grade 1 and **51 486** in Grade 8. The placement of learners at schools commenced on 24 July 2017 and will close on 20 October 2017.

In total, the Department received 285 834 applications by the closing date 12 June 2017, of which 157 369 is for Grade 1 and 128 465 is for Grade 8.

All schools, District Offices and Head Office are able to assist parents to accept offers of placement.

Parents should be rest assured that Districts are currently in the process of placing learners who were not placed by schools. The Department is working round the clock to finalise placement of unplaced learners by 20 October 2017.

All parents who have not yet submitted the required documents to the relevant school will be advised on a date to submit.

The Department will determine when to open the Online Application System for late applications, after the placement of applicants who

applied on or before 12 June 2017, is concluded. The decision will be communicated in the media.

Parents, who have not received any response thus far, must contact the district office.

Once more, we appeal to parents to accept the offers of placement given, because if they do not, they stand to lose that space.

“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. The cooperation of parents will be highly appreciated,” says MEC Panyaza Lesufi.

Parents experiencing challenges can contact us via the following channels:

Call centre number – 0800 000 789

Email: gdeinfo@gauteng.gov.za

Social media: Twitter and Instagram - @EducationGP and Gauteng

Department of Education on Facebook

Parents may visit their nearest District Office for assistance with further queries.

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For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education’s Acting Head of Communications, Oupa Bodibe on 072 645 4569.

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