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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

NO. 393 **29 June 2021**

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3), READ WITH REGULATION 18, OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002), REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3), read with regulation 18, of the Regulations made under the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), published under Government Notice No. R.480, in Government *Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, as amended, hereby amend the Directions regarding the closing and re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, and all Provincial Departments of Education, all education district offices and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, published under Government Notice No. 42, in Government *Gazette* No. 44154 of 12 February 2021, as amended, as set out in the Schedule.



MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 29 JUNE 2021

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SCHEDULE

Definition

1. In this Schedule, the "Directions" means the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, and Provincial Departments of Education, and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 42, in Government *Gazette* No. 44154 of 12 February 2021, amended under Government Notice No. 145, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44339 of 27 March 2021, Government Notice No. 224, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44486 of 23 April 2021 and under Government Notice No. 451, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44633 of 28 May 2021.

Amendment of direction 5 of Directions

2. Direction 5 of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for sub-direction (1) of the following sub-direction:

"(1) (a) All schools will close for learners (Grades R to 12) on 30 June 2021.

(b) Despite paragraph (a), all educators and non-teaching staff will continue with their administrative duties until 2 July 2021.

(c) Schools will reopen on 19 July 2021 for all learners (Grades R to 12) to return to school.

(d) Schools that have been identified as vaccination sites remain open for the purpose of administering the vaccines and officials are required to present themselves for this purpose as planned.

(e) The National School Nutrition Programme will resume when schools reopen: Provided that schools must make the necessary arrangements to continue to provide feeding until 09 July 2021, including the option to

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provide food parcels to learners who are beneficiaries of the National School Nutrition Programme.

(f) In respect of the 2021 May/June National Senior Certificate/Senior Certificate examination—

(i) the writing of the examination will continue in accordance with the approved examination timetable and will conclude on 7 July 2021;

(ii) the marking of the examination scripts will also continue after the writing of the examinations has concluded; and

(iii) both the writing of the examination and the marking of the examination scripts will be managed under strict compliance with the minimum health, safety and social distancing measures on COVID-19.";

(b) by the substitution for sub-direction (2) of the following sub-direction:

"(2) Independent schools must close for contact classes for a period of two weeks from 30 June 2021.";

(c) by the insertion after sub-direction (2) of the following sub-directions:

"(2A) The usual winter vacation learner support or catch-up programmes for Grades 11 and 12, as organised and implemented by the Provincial Departments of Education, districts and schools, will continue under strict compliance with the minimum health, safety and social distancing measures on COVID-19."; and

(d) by the substitution for sub-direction (5) of the following sub-direction:

"(5) The general measures and conditions in the Regulations and Directions, in relation to health, safety and social distancing measures to contain the spread of COVID-19, must be adhered to during every applicable Alert Level for the duration of the national state of disaster.".

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Amendment of direction 5A of Directions

3. Direction 5A of the Directions is hereby amended by the insertion after sub-direction (1) of the following sub-directions:

"(1A) Schools will reopen as contemplated in direction 5(1)(c) and the principal, school management team, and non-teaching staff in primary schools (for learners in Grades R to 7) and schools for learners with special education needs (Grades R to 12), must utilise the week commencing on 19 July 2021 to finalise the preparations for the return to the daily attendance and traditional timetabling model on 26 July 2021, as contemplated in sub-direction (2).

(1B) Educators must continue with teaching and learning from 19 July 2021, in accordance with the timetabling model adopted by the school, until 26 July 2021, from when the return to the daily attendance and traditional timetabling model must be effected.".

Commencement

4. These amendment directions come into operation on the date of publication thereof in the Government *Gazette*.

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