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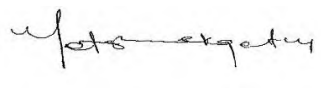
DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION

GENERAL NOTICE 422 OF 2021

DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002

AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3), READ WITH REGULATION 18(1) AND (2), 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(1) and (2), 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: 15 JULY 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, Government Notice No. 451, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44633 of 28 May 2021, and under Government Notice No. 393, published in Government *Gazette* No. 44779 of 29 June 2021.

Amendment of direction 5 of Directions

2. Direction 5 of the Directions is hereby amended—

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

"(c) Despite direction 16(2), schools will reopen on 26 July 2021 for all learners (Grades R to 12) to return to school on the daily or weekly rotational timetable model, but primary school learners (Grades R to 7) and learners with special education needs (Grades R to 12) return to school in accordance with the timetabling models contemplated in direction 5A(1A) and (1B).";

(b) by the insertion in sub-direction (1) after paragraph (c) of the following paragraph:

"(cA) The principal, school management team and non-teaching staff will return to school on 22 July 2021, to prepare for the return of learners to school on 26 July 2021.";

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

"(2) Independent schools must close for contact classes until 26 July 2021."; and

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

"(2A) The usual winter vacation learner support or catch-up programs 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 are extended by a week until 23 July 2021.".

Amendment of direction 5A of Directions

3. Direction 5A of the Directions is hereby amended—

(a) by the substitution for sub-directions (1A) and (1B), respectively, 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 26 July 2021 to finalise the preparations for the return to the traditional and daily attendance timetabling model on 2 August 2021, as contemplated in sub-directions (2) and (3).

(1B) Educators must continue with teaching and learning from 26 July 2021, in accordance with the timetabling model adopted by the school, until 2 August 2021, from which date the return to the traditional and daily attendance timetabling model must be implemented."; and

(b) by the substitution for sub-directions (2) and (3), respectively, of the following sub-directions:

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"(2) Primary schools (for learners in Grades R to 7) must return to the traditional and daily attendance timetabling model from 2 August 2021: Provided that the risk adjusted differentiated strategy is implemented.

(3) Schools for learners with special education needs (Grades R to 12) must return to the traditional and daily attendance timetabling model from 2 August 2021: Provided that the risk adjusted differentiated strategy is implemented.".

Commencement

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

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