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**MEMORANDUM**

**TO : ALL EMPLOYEES IN THE DEPARTMENT**  
**: ALL UNIONS**  
**: ALL STAKEHOLDERS**

**FROM : OFFICE OF THE MEC**

**DATE : 6 APRIL 2022**

**SUBJECT : SECONDMENT OF MR MD QWASE TO THE DEPARTMENT AND APPOINTMENT AS ACTING HEAD OF DEPARTMENT AND ACCOUNTING OFFICER FOR EDUCATION**

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Warm Greetings to Everyone.

The subject above has reference.

The HOD for Education has been put placed on a precautionary suspension with effect from 5 April 2022 whilst an investigation into allegations of misconduct will be conducted.

Therefore, the Premier has seconded Mr MD Qwase, Deputy Director- General for Institutional Development Support and Integrity Management in the Office of the Premier, to the Provincial Department with effect from 6 April 2022 to act as Head: Education until 5 July 2022 unless the suspension of the HOD is lifted or alternative arrangements are made during this period.

The secondment is governed by section 15 (3) of Public Service Act, 1994 as amended and acting appointment is governed by Section 32 of Public Service Act, 1994 as amended; Paragraph 16, Chapter 8 of the Senior Management Handbook; and any other relevant prescript in the Public Service.

During the acting period Mr MD Qwase will act as Accounting Officer for Education in terms of section 37 of the Public Management Act, 1999.

It is trusted that this arrangement will provide leadership stability in the interim to the department.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Yours for Quality Education.

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**MR. F. GADE, MPL**  
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