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**TO : SCHOOL PRINCIPALS
SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

**FROM : ACTING DDG – EDC & IOM
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SUBJECT : READMISSION OF GRADE 12 REPEATERS

DATE : 01 FEBRUARY 2023

1. This memo seeks to communicate the position of the department regarding learners who wish to repeat Grade 12 after not being successful in 2022.
2. The MEC for Education pronounced during the Matric Results announcement that no learner should be denied an opportunity to repeat grade 12 when they wish to do so.
3. The above injunction is based on the following Policy Provisions;
 - 3.1. A repeat candidate in terms of Section 37(6) of National Policy Pertaining to the Programme and Promotion Requirements of the National Curriculum Statement is defined as a candidate who has failed the grade enrolled for or the National Senior Certificate results, and who wants to repeat, either the grade failed or the grade 12 year, as a full-time or part-time candidate respectively.
 - 3.2. Section 30 of the National Policy for Ordinary Public Schools in the National Education Policy Act 27 of 1996 allows for repetition if the learner is two years older than the age grade norm. If the learner is three years older than the norm age per grade, the HOD must determine whether the learner will be admitted to that grade.

e.g., The norm age for grade 12 = 12+6 = 18 years, it means a 19yr and 20yr old learner can still be admitted in grade 12, only if this learner repeated once in the FET phase, but for 21-yearold the HOD must make a determination.
 - 3.3. The norm for repetition is one year per school phase where necessary. Multiple repetition in one grade is not permissible.



4. School principals and governing bodies are, therefore implored to comply with the above injunction without fail.

Yours in Education

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