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MEMORANDUM

**TO: SGBs
DEF
LABOUR UNIONS
CLUSTER CHIEFS
DISTRICT DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOL PRINCIPALS**

FROM: HEAD OF DEPARTMENT

DATE: 08 MAY 2026

**SUBJECT: RESUMPTION OF SCHOOLING IN THE AFFECTED DIDTRICTS
FOLLOWING IMPROVED WEATHER CONDITIONS: 11 MAY 2026**

1. The above subject matter bear's reference.

1.1. Further to the memorandum issued on 07 May 2026 regarding the extension of suspension of classes due to persistent heavy rains, strong winds and flooding across parts of the province, the Department has continued to monitor weather conditions and assess the impact on schooling and community safety.

1.2. The South African Weather Service and provincial disaster management structures indicate that the worst of the severe weather system affecting the Eastern Cape is beginning to subside, although some high risk- areas remain under monitoring due to flooding, damaged infrastructure and saturated ground conditions.

1.3. Consequently, all affected public schools and educational institutions in the Eastern Cape Province are hereby instructed to **resume normal schooling and operational activities from Monday, 11 May 2026** based on assessment.

1.4. District Directors and School Principals of the affected Districts, **Nelson Mandela Bay, Sarah Baartman and Buffalo City Metro**, are requested to:


- Ensure that school premises are inspected for any safety hazards or infrastructure damage prior to the arrival of learners and staff members;
- Continue exercising caution in areas where residual flooding, damaged roads, or other safety risks may still exist;

- Communicate the resumption of schooling to all parents, School Governing Bodies, learners and staff members without delay; and
- Put in place measures to recover lost teaching and learning time where necessary.

1.5. The Department expresses its appreciation to all stakeholders, school communities and emergency services for their cooperation, vigilance and commitment towards ensuring the safety and wellbeing of learners and staff during this period.

1.6. Your continued support and adherence to safety measures are highly appreciated.

Yours in Quality Education.



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