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MEMORANDUM

TO: **DEPUTY DIRECTORS – GENERAL: CURRICULUM MANAGEMENT & IOM**
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FROM: **HEAD OF DEPARTMENT**

SUBJECT: **REPORTED INCLEMENT WEATHER AFFECTING ORTAMBO INLAND AND OR TAMBO COASTAL AND OTHER PARTS OF THE PROVINCE NOT YET REPORTED.**

It has been reported that the OR Tambo Inland and OR Tambo Coastal districts are experiencing severe weather conditions, characterised by heavy rain, flooding on roads and overflowing riverbanks. These conditions may make some roads impassable and prevent access to certain schools.

The safety of learners, teachers, officials and community members is the Department of Education's utmost priority.

The Department recognises that this is the peak examination period across all schools. While examinations are important, the protection of life is paramount.

PLEASE NOTE: No unnecessary risks should be taken to cross flooded rivers or travel on slippery roads to reach schools.

At all times, principals, chief invigilators, officials, learners and community members should seek advice from weather service officials, law enforcement agencies, municipalities and the Department of Transport.

Principals, teachers, learners and parents are assured that if learners are unable to attend an examination because of the prevailing weather conditions, the Department will make efforts to arrange alternative dates where it was impossible for them to reach an examination centre.

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If a learner is unable to reach their registered examination centre because of the weather but can access a nearer centre where they are not registered, they should be allowed to write there. Their answer book must then be redirected to their registered examination centre.

We urge all officials, principals, chief invigilators, invigilators, learners, community members and parents to remain alert to warnings issued by law enforcement and emergency services. Please observe and heed these warnings. The safety and protection of life are of the utmost importance. No unnecessary risks should be taken.

The Department wishes everyone to leave home safely and return home safely.

Yours in Quality Education,

MS. S.A. MAASDORP **DATE: 27/10/202**

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