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“Operation Bounce Back”, by MEC Nkonyeni

KZN MEC for Education, Ms Nelsiwe Peggy Nkonyeni, MPL called up a Ministerial Meeting with Members of Senior Management held at the Provincial Teacher Development Institute on Friday, 09 January 2015 in Durban.

The District Management of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, whose schools performed poorly in last year’s National Senior Certificate Examination will be facing a panel of education officials including Members of Top Management to present their turnaround strategies.

The decision was announced by the Head of Department, Nkosinathi, SP Sishi, PhD at the meeting of District Managers, Curriculum Officials, and Provincial Examination officials.

Several meetings would be held from Monday, said head of department, Dr Nkosinathi Sishi.

“All Districts will have to face the panel to present their strategies. After the Top Management has met all the Districts, they will draft the turnaround strategy.”

KZN MEC for Education, Ms Nelsiwe Peggy Nkonyeni, MPL announced her strategy dubbed, “Operation Bounce Back”

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KZN SGM for Curriculum, Dr EV Nzama Chaired the Meeting

District Management Members. Their contributions was well received

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