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## **FLOODS FORCES SCHOOLS TO CLOSE IN KWAZULU-NATAL**

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal wishes to inform school communities and all education stakeholders that it has temporarily closed all schools that have been affected by massive flooding of heavy downpours and inflows of water that has been taking place in the last few days in KwaZulu-Natal.

The strong flooding has caused a huge disruption and it continues to impact negatively on teaching and learning at schools, while it remains a threat to the lives of pupils as well as teachers. The terrain and level of water has made it extremely difficult for teachers and pupils to reach the schools.

At some areas it is extremely dangerous to access schools as pupils and teachers are forced to cross high levels of water. We have therefore decided to provisionally close down all affected schools until Tuesday, 19 April 2022 as we continue to monitor the situation across the province.

In the meantime, we are in the process of developing contingency plans to mitigate the impact of the floods and provide short-term measures while the water hopefully subsides.

To this end, we urge parents/guardians to cooperate with the school authorities and continuously monitor the levels of the water in their respective areas. We remain firm in our resolve to protect learners and teachers at all material times.

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