

MEDIA STATEMENT

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PREPARATORY EXAMINATIONS CONCLUDES AMIDST SOME CHALLENGES

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal has concluded the Grade 12 preparatory examinations that started on 05 September 2022 and finished on 27 September 2022.

The recent exams have proven once again that the systems that the Department have put in place to ensure that the integrity and credibility of the exams are secure, water tight; and this gives the Department confidence as the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination is 33 days away. What is of concern to the Department, is that service delivery issues from time to time threaten to disrupt school functionality and by extension, the examination process.

"It is very disturbing that whenever communities have an issue to raise with authorities, our schools become soft targets, as community members find it easy to disrupt schools in order to raise their service delivery concerns," said MEC Mbali Frazer.

The MEC urged, "Communities, especial community leaders, to ensure that schools are protected at all times, especially during these critical times of the end of the year examinations and I wish our learners a safe end of the 3rd School Term Break on Friday, 30 September 2022. Grade 12 Learners must use this time to study and attend our Spring Classes," remarked MEC Mbali Frazer.

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