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THE DEPARTMENT RESUMES ITS ACCOUNTABILITY SESSIONS PROGRAMME

As part of the programmes to improve the education outcomes in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal, the KZN Department of Education is starting with its accountability sessions programme.

The aim of the programme is to do away with the 40% below category of performance in the National Senior Certificate Examinations. During this programme, Circuit Managers and Principals of schools that attained below 40%, will sit before the MEC, HoD and Members of Top Management and account for their poor performance, while also presenting their turn around strategies before the leadership of the Department.

The first instalment of the accountability sessions is going to take place tomorrow, Thursday, 16 March 2023 at the Anton Lembede Academy in La Mercy and is going to involve all the seven districts that have schools that have obtained below the 40% pass rate.

After having analysed the 2023 March common tests, the leadership of the Department, led by the MEC, is going to visit all the affected districts individually, to continue with the second and third leg of the accountability sessions.

The Head of Department, Nkosinathi Ngcobo said that these sessions are not to punish or embarrass those schools that did not perform well, but it is to empower them by offering strategies on how to move out of the position that they find themselves in – that of belonging to the T40 category.

“In the 2022 Academic Year, there was only one District (Ugu District), that did not have to account for their below 40% performance, and in this academic year, there are five districts (Ugu, Umkhanyakude, Ilembe, Harry Gwala and Amajuba) that won’t be part of the accountability sessions.

“This is a clear indication that this programme is bearing the much desired results and we are going to intensify it until there is no school that attains below 40% in our Province,” said MEC Mbali Frazer.

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