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## **MEC MBALI FRAZER LAUNCHES THE 2024 SGB ELECTIONS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer urges all parents of school going children to participate in the upcoming School Governing Body Elections.

The Minister of Basic Education, Mrs Angie Motshekga announced the period for the 2024 School Governing Body Elections to be from 01 to 31 March 2024; and the assumption of duty being the moment the SGB is declared to be freely and fairly elected.

The SGB Elections are very important as they provide the parents with an opportunity to have a voice in the education of their children. All parents of learners are encouraged to honour the invitation to participate in the election of the governing bodies of schools where their children attend.

Parents are urged to participate in the nomination and interview processes. What the Department has observed in the past was disturbing where the first election meeting failed to quorate due to non-attendance by the parents and that meant the second meeting could be attended by a handful of parents to decide for most parents.

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The quorum for the SGB Elections is just 15% which is just 150 for a school with 1000 plus learners, if these parents fail to attend, they leave the responsibility of making serious decisions about the future of their children to a few parents. In the second meetings, it means that 15 parents can elect the SGB, that will make important decisions like, the employment of Teachers and School Management Team Members, including the Principal.

The SGB manages among other things the finances of the school, which includes deciding about the school fees for the Fee-paying schools. They also decide on the language policy, admission policy, procurement of the Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM) and other vital areas. The governing bodies also play a pivotal role in making school a conducive environment for teaching and learning, which is the reason why we say the outgoing governing bodies must pride themselves as they ensured that schools were stable and supported all the programmes aimed at delivering quality education across all Grades.

“A call is made to all parents to play a meaningful role in the achievements of schools, as witnessed in the recent release of results by the National Minister on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup> of January 2024, where the Province of KwaZulu-Natal took the center stage with a Top Learner in the country coming from a school in the deep rural area in UMkhanyakude. The Province had 4 Districts in the National Top 10 and the Province attained 85.4% with an improvement in all areas,” said MEC Mbali Frazer.

2024 SGB Elections provides all parents of learners at schools to attend the election sessions to elect and or be elected to serve the nation.

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“We call on them to do what the Class of 2023 has done, breaking the record by taking the Province to Number 2 in the country, parent can break the record by attending and ensuring that the free and fair elections are held in the first meetings,” asserted MEC Frazer.

The MEC urges people who are not parents or guardians of learners to desist from demanding to participate in the SGB Elections knowingly, that they do not have children in those schools as most disputes recorded in the past stemmed from non-parents who were alleged to have registered learners who reside with their parents as theirs.

Parents too, are urged not to abdicate their responsibilities by allowing other people to be registered as guardians in their stead. That will assist in minimizing if not eradicating the unnecessary grievances. A call is made again for parents to visit schools where their children attend to check if their names do appear in the voters roll as from the 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

The term of office for the current members of the School Governing Bodies is coming to an end. The outgoing SGBs played a major role in the stability of schools as governors and that was evidenced in the improvement of performance across all Grades. The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal appreciates the contribution made by the outgoing SGB members.

“We are looking forward to the peaceful, free, and fair election process in all our public ordinary school and the public special schools The SGB Election Notice will be published by the 5<sup>th</sup> of February 2024,” concluded MEC Frazer.

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