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KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education Dismisses DA Allegations of Cherry-Picking Oversight Visits

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education strongly refutes allegations made by the Democratic Alliance regarding selective oversight of NSC examinations in certain schools within the province. The Department remains committed to ensuring a transparent, rigorous, and equitable examination process for all learners in every district.

Oversight visits are conducted across all schools as part of a randomized school functionality monitoring process, designed to maintain the highest standards of examination integrity. Any suggestion of "cherry-picking" schools for inspection is unfounded and disregards the Department's commitment to fair and unbiased oversight.

MEC Sipho Hlomuka unequivocally dismisses these allegations, stating:

"We uphold strict policies and procedures for monitoring examinations, with every learner's success being a priority. Claims of selective oversight are not only incorrect but undermine the trust we work hard to build. Every school, from urban centers to the most rural areas, is treated equally in our efforts to ensure integrity and fairness in the NSC examinations," remarked MEC Hlomuka.

The Department assures the public that our team is dedicated to maintaining the credibility and fairness of the examination environment for the benefit of all learners across KwaZulu-Natal.

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