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MESSAGE FROM THE MEC FOR EDUCATION: HALFWAY MARK OF THE 2025 MATRIC EXAMINATIONS

As we reach the halfway mark of the 2025 National Senior Certificate examinations, I wish to commend all our matric learners across KwaZulu-Natal for the commitment, discipline, and determination they have displayed so far. This is a critical milestone — a moment to pause, reflect, and gather strength for the final stretch.

Today, we have also started exams for The General Education Certificate (GEC) programme which is designed to expand the learning pathways and success opportunities for our Grade 9 learners.

I am encouraged by the smooth running of the examinations thus far. Our monitoring teams across all districts have reported that the exams are proceeding in an orderly manner, with minimal disruptions that our vigilant teams have been able to contain. This is a testament to the hard work of our educators, principals, invigilators, and officials who continue to ensure the integrity and credibility of this important process.

We take this opportunity to remind our learners to focus as journey is not yet over, but you are closer to the finish line than you were yesterday. Use this halfway point to renew your focus and energy. Continue revising diligently, take care of your health, and remain confident in your abilities. Remember, success is built one paper at a time.

We also thank parents and guardians the support. Your encouragement at home remains one of the strongest pillars of our learners' success. We also acknowledge the role of our teachers, who continue to go beyond the call of duty to prepare and support learners during this demanding period.

As the Department of Education, we remain committed to providing all necessary support to ensure that every learner completes these examinations under fair, safe, and conducive conditions. As we look to the next phase of the evaluation process, the department finalised the appointment of markers and distributed the appointment letters

Let us continue working together to ensure a successful conclusion to the 2025 matric exams. The finish line is in sight — let us cross it with pride, integrity, and excellence.

Wishing all our candidates the very best for the remaining papers.

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