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KZN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REGRETS THE DELAY IN SUBSIDY PAYMENTS TO SPECIAL SCHOOLS

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education sincerely regrets the delay in the payment of subsidies to special schools.

The Department acknowledges the vital role that special schools play in providing quality education and essential support to learners with special needs. We extend our sincere apologies for the inconvenience and distress caused by the delayed payments.

The delay was due to unforeseen technical glitches that affected the processing timeline. While the payment run was originally scheduled for today, it has been rescheduled to Monday, 20 October 2025. Affected schools are expected to receive their subsidies by Thursday, 23 October 2025.

The Department remains firmly committed to supporting learners with special needs and ensuring that they continue to receive the education, care, and resources they deserve.

"We value the dedication of special schools and their staff, and we appreciate their patience, understanding, and cooperation as we work to resolve this matter," said KZN MEC for Education, Mr Siphon Hlomuka.

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