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DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION CLARIFIES APRIL SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

The Department of Basic Education (DBE) has noted with concern the circulation of misleading information on social media platforms claiming that public schools will be closed on 28, 29 and 30 April 2026. These claims are **false**.

In accordance with the officially approved **2026 School Calendar for Public Schools**, schooling will continue as normal on 28, 29 and 30 April 2026. These dates fall squarely within the second school term, which runs from 08 April to 26 June 2026, and are not designated as school holidays or public holidays.

All public schools are therefore expected to remain fully operational, with teaching and learning proceeding as scheduled. Parents, guardians, learners, and all stakeholders are strongly urged to disregard this misinformation and to avoid sharing unverified content that may cause confusion or disrupt the academic programme. The spread of incorrect information undermines effective planning and may negatively impact attendance and learning outcomes.

Members of the public are encouraged to consult the official school calendar available on DBE platforms and through government publications for accurate and verified information regarding school terms, holidays, and important dates.

The DBE remains committed to safeguarding the integrity of the school calendar and ensuring minimal disruption to teaching and learning. All stakeholders are called upon to rely only on credible, official sources of information and to act responsibly when engaging with or sharing content related to the education sector.

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