



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**EDUCATION**  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

To All Media / News Editors

Embargo: For Immediate Release

Date: Thursday, 16 April 2026

### **EMPOWERING THE CLASS OF 2026 : KZN LAUNCHES VIRTUAL TUTORING FOR MATRIC SUCCESS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr Siphon Hlomuka, proudly announces the official launch of the 2026 Virtual Tutoring Programme—a bold and forward-looking initiative designed to expand access to high-quality academic support for matric learners across the province.

Harnessing the power of digital innovation, this programme brings the classroom directly to learners, ensuring that every Grade 12 learner—regardless of location—has access to structured lessons, expert guidance, and critical revision support in preparation for the 2026 National Senior Certificate examinations.

This milestone underscores the Department's unwavering commitment to educational excellence, equity, and improved learner outcomes. It reflects a decisive step towards modernising teaching and learning while strengthening support systems for the Class of 2026.

"We are bringing the classroom to you, ensuring every matric learner has the support to succeed," said MEC Hlomuka.

Launch Date: Friday, 17 April 2026.

Venue: Live from the Broadcast Classroom, Anton Lembede MST Academy, La Mercy.

Time: 10:00.

**...///End**

---

1

**INSPIRING NEW HOPE**

**Issued by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education**

**Media enquiries:**

**Mr Muzi Mahlambi:**  
**Head of Communication**  
**+27 82 519 1420**

**Mr Mlu Mtshali:**  
**Media Liaison Officer**  
**+27 82 088 5060**