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GENERAL NOTICES • ALGEMENE KENNISGEWINGS

**DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION
NOTICE 370 OF 2020****DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002****AMENDMENT OF DIRECTIONS ISSUED IN TERMS OF REGULATION 4(3) OF THE REGULATIONS MADE UNDER SECTION 27(2) OF THE DISASTER MANAGEMENT ACT, 2002 (ACT NO. 57 OF 2002) REGARDING THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS AND MEASURES TO ADDRESS, PREVENT AND COMBAT THE SPREAD OF COVID-19 IN THE NATIONAL DEPARTMENT OF BASIC EDUCATION, ALL PROVINCIAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENTS, ALL EDUCATION DISTRICT OFFICES AND ALL SCHOOLS IN THE REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA**

I, Angelina Matsie Motshekga, Minister of Basic Education, in terms of regulation 4(3) of the Regulations made under section 27(2) of the Disaster Management Act, 2002 (Act No. 57 of 2002), as published under Government Notice No. R.480, in Government *Gazette* No. 43258 of 29 April 2020, amended by the Regulations published under Government Notice No. R.608, published in Government *Gazette* No. 43364 of 28 May 2020, and further amended by the Regulations published under Government Notice No. R.714, in Government *Gazette* No. 43476 of 25 June 2020, hereby issue the directions in the Schedule.



**MRS AM MOTSHEKGA, MP
MINISTER OF BASIC EDUCATION
DATE: 07 JUNE 2020**

SCHEDULE

Definitions

1. In this Schedule, the “Directions” means the Directions regarding the re-opening of schools and measures to address, prevent and combat the spread of COVID-19 in the National Department of Basic Education, Provincial Departments of Education, and all schools in the Republic of South Africa, as published under Government Notice No. 343, in *Government Gazette* No. 43465 of 23 June 2020 and amended under Government Notice No.357, published in *Government Gazette* No. 43488 of 29 June 2020.

Amendment of direction 5 of Directions

2. Direction 5 of the Directions is hereby amended by the substitution for subdirection (1) of the following subdirection:

“(1) (a) The phased return of learners and officials to school will be as follows:

GRADES	RETURN TO SCHOOL DATE
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 7; • Grade 12; and • Schools of Skill: Year 4. 	1 June 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade R; • Grade 6; and • Grade 11. 	6 July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 3; 	20 July 2020

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 10; • Schools of Skill: Year 3; • Schools for Learners with Severe Intellectual Disabilities (“SID”): Grade R, Grade 3 and final year (Occupational); • Schools with Learners with Severe and Profound Intellectual Disabilities (“LSPID”): Year 3; and • Schools with autistic learners: final year (18 years and above). 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grades 1 and 2; • School of Skill: Year 2; • Schools for Learners with Severe Intellectual Disabilities (“SID”): Grades 1 and 2; • Schools with Learners with Severe and Profound Intellectual Disabilities (“LSPID”): Years 1 and 2; and • Schools with autistic learners: Junior group (below 13 years). 	27 July 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grade 4; • Grade 9; • Year 1 in Schools of Skill; and • Schools with autistic learners: Senior Group (13 years and above). 	17 August 2020

<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grade 5;• Grade 8; and• Schools for Learners with Severe Intellectual Disabilities (“SID”): Grades 4 and 5.	31 August 2020
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- (b) A Member of the Executive Council responsible for education in a province, who is unable to comply with the phased return of learners and officials to school, must, at least seven days before the date identified for the return of the respective grades, as contemplated in paragraph (a), submit a report to the Minister for concurrence or further determination, which report must include—
- (i) the reasons for the non-compliance; and
 - (ii) a plan with the proposed dates for the phased return of learners and officials in the respective grades.”.

Commencement

3. This amendment Notice comes into operation on the date of publication thereof in the *Government Gazette*.

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