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**Meeting with Minister
RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS
FOR SMTs**
SMTs DO NOT START ON 11 MAY 2020

The SAOU and the other teacher unions held a virtual meeting with the Minister of Basic Education (MBE) on Saturday, 9 May 2020 in regard to the proposed reopening of schools for SMTs.

The initial planning was that the SMTs of schools must report at schools on 11 May 2020 to commence with the process of sanitising schools and do planning for the return of educators on 18 May 2020.

But, on Friday, 8 May 2020 it became clear that not one province was able to comply with the Covid regulations, i.e. sanitise the workplaces, provide hand sanitisers, be able to screen the temperatures of persons and to provide two (2) cloth masks to learners and school staff.

The enormity of the task is staggering, i.e. ±27 million masks, ±50,000 electronic scanners and ±24,500 sanitation packages that must be distributed to ±24,500 institutions. The Minister intimated that the DBE and the nine provincial departments require another week to be able to provide it to schools.

Therefore, the following may be regarded as an amended schedule for return to school:

- 18 May 2020: SMTs report to schools
- 25 May 2020: Educators report to schools
- 1 June 2020: Reopening for Grades 12 and 7.

A follow-up virtual meeting with the MBE and the senior management of the DBE will be held on Monday, 11 May 2020 during which a further progress report will be provided. The SAOU also requested more feedback in regard to the following:

1. A special focused catch-up plan for grade 12 in the event that 1 June 2020 is not feasible for the whole system.
2. Curriculum trimming: A progress report in regard to all grades and subjects

**Vergadering met Minister
HEROPENING VAN SKOLE
VIR SKOOLBESTUUR**
SKOOLBESTURE BEGIN NIE OP 11 MEI 2020

Die SAOU en ander onderwysvakbonde het 'n virtuele vergadering met die Minister van Basiese Onderwys (MBO) op Saterdag, 9 Mei 2020 ten opsigte van die heropening van skole vir skoolbesture gehou.

Volgens die aanvanklike beplanning moes skoolbesture op 11 Mei 2020 by skole rapporteer om met die proses van sanitering te begin en die beplanning vir die terugkeer van opvoeders op 18 Mei 2020 te doen.

Dit was egter baie duidelik op Vrydag, 8 Mei 2020 dat nie een provinsie gereed was, ingevolge die Covid-regulasies nie, nl. om werkplekke te saniteer, voorsiening van handsaniteerders, skandering van persone se temperatuur en die voorsiening van twee (2) lapmaskers aan elke leerder en lid van die skoolpersoneel.

Die grootte van die taak is werklik duiselend, nl. ±27 miljoen maskers, ±50,000 elektroniese skandeerders, en ±24,500 sanitasie pakette wat aan ±24,500 inrigtings versprei moet word. Die Minister het aangedui dat die DBO en die nege provinsiale departemente 'n addisionele week benodig om dit aan skole te voorsien.

In die lig van voormalde kan die volgende as die skedule vir die terugkeer na skole geag word:

- 18 Mei 2020: Skoolbesture rapporteer by skole
- 25 Mei 2020: Opvoeders rapporteer
- 1 Junie 2020: Heropening vir Grade 12 and 7.

'n Opvolgvergadering met die MBO en senior bestuur vd DBO sal op 11 Mei 2020 plaasvind waartydens 'n volledige vorderingsverslag voorsien sal word. Die SAOU het ook terugvoering tov die volgende versoek:

1. 'n Spesiaal gefokusde opvangprogram vir Graad 12 ingeval die stelsel nie op 1 Junie 2020 gereed is nie.

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. Position of +60 year old staff members 4. Comorbidities 5. Pregnancies 6. Learners and teachers from neighbouring countries - must they also enter a 14 day quarantine period as other international visitors? If so, where? 7. School hostels 8. The return on 25 May 2020 of all staff members in light of Covid regulations that determine that groups of +50 are prohibited and those who can, must work from home. 9. Private schools and other private institutions 10. Position of combined schools 11. What to do with young children of working parents (pre-school and in school) when they return to work? 12. National regulations is an absolute imperative to prevent divergent approaches by provinces and districts. | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2. Kurrikulum inkorting: 'n Vorderingsverslag tov elke vak en graad 3. Posisie van +60 jaar personeel 4. Komorbiditeit 5. Swanger dames 6. Leerders en personeel van buurlande – moet hulle ook eers in 14 dae kwarantyn soos ander buitenlandse besoekers geplaas word? Indien wel, waar? 7. Skoolkoshuise 8. Die terugkeer van ander personeel op 25 Mei 2020 teen die agtergrond van die Covid regulasies se verbod op groepe van +50 en dat die wat kan, van die huis moet werk. 9. Onafhanklike skole en ander privaat inrigtings 10. Posisie van gekombineerde skole 11. Wat om met die jong kinders van werkende ouers te doen itv voorskoolse inrigtings? 12. Nasionale regulasies is noodsaaklik om uiteenlopende benaderings deur provinsies en distrikte te verhoed. |
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The SAOU implores members to be patient in spite of the current uncertainties. The SAOU is doing its utmost to ensure the best possible dispensation for members under very challenging circumstances. As soon as more information is available, it will be communicated to members immediately.

Die beroep van die SAOU op lede is om ten spye van die huidige onsekerhede geduldig te wees. Die SAOU doen sy uiterste om die heel beste bedeling onder besonder uitdagende omstandighede vir lede te verseker. Sodra meerder inligting bekend is, sal dit onverwyld aan lede gekommunikeer word.

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