

MEDIA STATEMENT

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Umalusi's response to the reported cases of irregularities involving NSC Mathematics, Physical Science and English Home Language examinations

Umalusi has noted with serious concern the issues raised during the media briefing held earlier today by the Minister of Basic Education, Ms Siviwe Gwarube, concerning reported cases of irregularities involving NSC Mathematics, Physical Sciences and English Home Language examinations.

Umalusi wishes to inform the public that it received a preliminary report on Wednesday, 10 December from the Department of Basic Education (DBE) on the issues reported by the Minister. Having studied the report, Umalusi is satisfied with the steps taken by the DBE thus far, including reporting the case to the SAPS. Similarly, Umalusi is pleased by the ongoing investigative work aimed at determining the magnitude of the irregularities. The DBE is expected to present its findings on the matter for the consideration of the Executive Committee of Umalusi Council during the approval of results meetings to be held on 6-8 January 2026.

To protect the independence of the investigations and to allow the process to proceed unhindered, Umalusi will have no further media engagements on the matter until the 9th of January 2026 when it will be making a pronouncement on the conduct, administration and management of 2025 end of year national examinations.

Umalusi would like to assure the Class of 2025, their families, institutions of higher learning and other stakeholders that the investigations will in no way delay the release of the results of the NSC learners who are not implicated in the reported irregularities.

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