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To: Principals, Educators and school-based staff at public schools

(For information: Governing bodies)
(For information: Early Childhood Development centres)

Dear Colleagues

School closures scheduled for 12 May 2026

A second frontal system will impact the Western Cape today (11 May 2026) which will result in more disruptive rainfall and flooding in parts of the province this afternoon into Tuesday, 12 May 2026.

In the interests of learner and educator safety and after consultation with the Provincial Disaster Management Centre and South African Weather Service, the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) has taken the decision **to close all schools in the province tomorrow, 12 May 2026.**

All learner transport in the province will also be suspended.

Schools must inform parents, caregivers and learner transport service providers of the closure immediately.

All schools are scheduled to reopen on Wednesday, 13 May 2026.

Principals across all districts are requested to report any storm-related damage on CEMIS immediately to enable timely support and intervention.

It is recommended that all Early Childhood Development centres follow our lead in the interest of child safety.

The WCED will continue to work closely with schools to ensure that teaching and learning programmes return to normal as quickly as possible.

We appreciate the ongoing cooperation of all principals and will continue to work closely with schools to address any storm-related challenges.

We urge everyone to remain safe and to exercise extreme caution where necessary, particularly when travelling.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Kind regards



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