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PRESS RELEASE

IMMEDIATE SUSPENSION OF CLASSES IN NCD SCHOOLS FOR TWO (2) WEEKS DUE TO LATEST SPIKE IN CORONAVIRUS

Consistent with the Pandemic Act 2020 Order, the Minister for Education is directing all education authorities and administrators of all schools and institutions operating under the national education system, permitted schools and private schools in the National Capital District to suspend classes and normal face to face lessons as of Wednesday 29th July 2020 until Wednesday, 12th August, 2020.

The direction comes into effect after NCD is experiencing increasing cases of coronavirus.

The Minister for Education Hon. Joseph Yopyyopy has requested that within the period of suspension of classes, administrations and teachers follow the following directions:

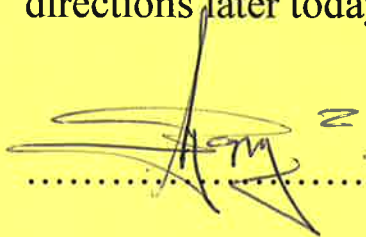
- Teachers put in place plans to recover the lost academic work during the two weeks through online learning, projects and take home work for grade 7 to 12 students,
- Schools add more proper washing and toilet facilities,

- School boards and managements to decide on critical ancillary staff to care take schools during the suspension,
- If possible, the school boards are asked to sanitize the entire school during the suspension period,

Mr Yopyyopy added that a specific instruction on the Examinations would be given out if the lock down extends, but the Grade 12 Written Expression Examination on Monday 17 August, 2020 will remain.

Meanwhile, ALL schools in other provinces must continue normal classes and observe and practice COVID-19 protocols of washing hands regularly, applying hand sanitizers, having temperature readings using temperature guns and maintaining social distancing,” Minister Yopyyopy directed.

The Department Secretary will issue specific and detail administrative directions later today.



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