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### **Demands to Education MECs and Minister Motshekga**

We, the Equalisers of the Eastern Cape, Gauteng, KwaZulu-Natal, Limpopo and Western Cape:

- Demand that the Minister of Basic Education hold a media briefing this week to give learners, parents and school staff a detailed and comprehensive report on the readiness of schools to re-open to more learners on 06 July 2020.
- Demand that the Education MECs ensure that teaching and learning takes place in environments that will not pose a threat to our health and safety due to Covid-19. This means that classrooms must not be overcrowded; scholar transport vehicles must not be filled to capacity; all schools must have access to water and toilets; that our toilets are cleaned every day; and that PPE be provided to all school staff (including teachers) and learners.
- Demand that learners who are not able to attend school because of ill-health and other reasons, be provided with printed learning materials to learn from home and additional support like access to the relevant subject teachers.
- Demand that teachers and learners be provided with psycho-social support, that is easily accessible. The current Covid-19 pandemic has had a major impact on our mental and emotional health.
- Demand that all learners who received meals at school before Covid-19, receive those meals now. Even if they are not back in school yet.
- Demand that MECs meet with Equal Education representatives by the week of 20 July 2020 so that we can present the findings of our survey which details our experiences as learners during lock down.

The Covid-19 pandemic has shown what we have known for years: That we need to deal with the system wide problems in education, especially infrastructure. We:

- Demand that the Education MECs immediately make public the Norms and Standards for Public School Infrastructure compliance progress reports for 2019, and make the 2020 reports public by 29 November 2020.
  - Demand that Education MECs make information about school construction projects publicly available by 29 November 2020, so that school communities can hold contractors and implementing agents accountable.
  - Demand that by 29 November 2020 all schools are provided with an adequate supply of classrooms, water and toilets, and perimeter security, as per the Norms and Standards for Public School Infrastructure.
  - Demand that all Education MECs, Minister Motshekga and Deputy Minister Mhaule read our Charter for an Equal Education and engage members of Equal Education on how they will adopt the Charter as their education vision document.
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