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Dear Muizenberg High family

We wish each and every one a prosperous and healthy 2021. As we embark on our educational partnership for 2021, our purpose remains to prioritize quality teaching and learning in a safe environment. To this end, we are looking forward to engage with our students and to create opportunities for them to grow and expand their horizons.

You may be aware that the NCCC recommended a postponement of the reopening of the schools, and the DBE subsequently briefed the nation this morning. The speech made by Deputy minister Mhaule at the media briefing this morning has suggested return dates. The DBE must now give directives (gazetted decisions and protocols) to the provinces and the schools, which will be received from the WCED via email.

It is in this light that I appeal to us as a school and parent body to exercise restraint and await the directives when officially issued. In the past, different schools have acted and reacted to news reports or simply on presidential commentary without waiting for the official directives to be issued.

Please note that the dates mentioned by Deputy minister Mhaule must now be gazetted and formulated in directives for schools to follow. We have not officially received any date changes yet, and will advise you of any changes as soon as we do.

The education of our children remains our mandate and priority and we will ensure that no child is left behind. We will communicate to you as soon as we receive communication directly from WCED. Please make sure that we have your updated cell phone numbers and email addresses. We will continue sending information via the SMS system and emails.

We wish you all the best. Please take care and stay safe.

Kind Regards,

Leonie Jacobsen

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