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**LIMPOPO EDUCATION DEPARTMENT ISSUE WARNING OVER ADVERSE WEATHER FORECAST**

The Limpopo Department of Education is urging parents and guardians across the province, particularly those in the Vhembe District, to remain on high alert following a disruptive rainfall warning issued by the South African Weather Services for the upcoming weekend.

In a proactive move to prioritise learner safety, the MEC for Education, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has directed all principals in the Vhembe East and West Education Districts to suspend weekend extra classes with immediate effect. This precautionary directive aims to mitigate potential risks for both learners and educators who cross low-lying bridges and susceptible routes to and from school. Educators are advised to use virtual and electronic platforms available to offer lessons.

The Department is closely monitoring the evolving weather patterns and maintaining continuous communication with the Weather Services to ensure the safeguarding of all learners. A further announcement regarding the resumption of classes in affected areas around Vhembe will be made on Sunday afternoon following a comprehensive risk assessment and further consultations.

This decision comes as the region braces for what meteorologists have described as a significant weather event, with the potential to cause localised flooding and disrupt travel. The safety of school communities remains the Department's foremost priority, and this pre-emptive action is intended to prevent any dangerous situations before they arise.

Issued by the Limpopo Department of Education.