



The Settlers High School

31 May 2020

Dear Parents and Grade 12 Learners

URGENT: NOTICE RE RETURN OF GRADE 12's

Due to the confusion caused by the postponement of this evening's address by the Minister of Basic Education, we have decided **to not open our school for Grade 12 learners** until the minister has addressed the nation. While we are still waiting on communication from the Western Cape Education Department, the reasons for our decision to not open the school are as follows:

1. The Settlers High School does not operate in isolation and should only open for learners when all schools are ready to do so.
2. We might put the safety of our learners at risk by expecting of them to travel to school when there might be public protests against schools deciding to open.
3. The delay caused by the minister's response will reduce the number of learners attending school, which means the orientation day planned will not be effective and will have to be repeated numerous times. This would in any way cause a delay to the start of academic work.

We apologise for these circumstances beyond our control. We will update you regarding the way forward after the minister's media briefing tomorrow.

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