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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **MEC NTULI PROMISES TOUGH ACTIONS AGAINST LOBBY BUSINESS GROUPS THREATENING TO DISRUPT DELIVERY OF MATRIC EXAMINATION PAPERS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Ntuli has issued a stern warning to all those aiming at disrupting matric examinations, saying security will be beefed up.

Ntuli's statement comes in the wake of threats by certain lobby business group groups who want to disrupt the distribution of matric examination paper delivery in the province.

This morning MEC Ntuli has directed the Department of Community Safety and Liaison together with the police management to reinforce the school's examination security plan to safeguard the distribution of examination papers.

After the discussion with the MEC for Education, Kwazi Mshengu, the two departments agreed to monitor the situation closely and to proactively address any form of threats that might affect the running of the examination.

"These threats are viewed very seriously, and we do not take them lightly. Anything that seeks to disrupt the future of our children will be met with tough actions from the state. Anything that is tempering with the future of our children will never be tolerated," said Ntuli.

Ntuli, said the function of transporting matric examinations is a very extensive process, which the Department of Education is seized with, including addressing the security vetting of all service provider.

The security plan that has been developed deals with all threats during the examinations and MEC Ntuli would like to assure all the learners, parents and stakeholders that police will be deployed in all hot-spots areas.

Tomorrow, the Justice Crime Prevention and Security Cluster (JCPS) will be meeting to discuss a number of issues in the province, including securing matric examination.

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