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FROM: AZAPO Secretary for Publicity and Information

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SUBJECT: ANTICIPATED RELEASE OF THE MATRIC RESULTS

The National Department of Basic Education is expected to release the much-anticipated matriculation results for the 2023 academic year on the 18th January 2023.

AZAPO has witnessed how, in the past, some learners reacted to the outcome. AZAPO appreciates that this is the most difficult and traumatic experience for both the learners and parents. Some of our learners, at times, do extreme things when confronted with either failure or success.

We have seen how other learners go overboard in their celebrations resulting in sadness for their parents and families.

We have also seen how other learners being overwhelmed by failure and unable to accept that, end up committing suicide.

As we await the release of the matric results, AZAPO therefore calls upon parents to:

- ❖ Sit down with their children and prepare them for the outcome;
- ❖ Assure the children of their undying love and appreciation irrespective of the outcome;
- ❖ Impress upon the children that neither failure nor success define who they are;

- ❖ Support their children and guide them as they navigate a life of tertiary education;
- ❖ Support and guide those that shall not have made it instead of condemning them;

AZAPO further calls upon the Department of Basic Education to, in the future, ensure that this period of anticipation is shortened, and results are announced earlier in the year to allow the learners enough time to weigh their options in the light of the results obtained and the financial constraints experienced by the black parents.

The late release of matric results has left increasing number of matriculants resorting to taking gap years.

This is mostly due to inadequate time to adjust to their results, not having time to make the desired choices and the struggles in securing funds for their further education.

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