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**Admissions and School Readiness Update
STANDING COMMITTEE MEETING**

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Update on learner placements for 2024

Enrolled and placement in progress: Gr 1 & 8 (As at 15 Feb 2024)

Enrolment Stats (CEMIS) Gr 1 & 8

YEAR	GR 1	GR 8	SUB TOT
2024	100 760	101 648	202 408

*** Data Source CEMIS

% Placement In Progress Learners compared to Applications Received (SAMI)

	GR 1	GR 8	SUB TOT
TOT APPL	26,167	99,170	125,337
PIP	77	452	529
% PIP	0,29%	0,45%	0,42%

*** Data Source SAMI

Placement in progress per district: Grade 1 and 8

(As seen at 15 Feb 2024)

DISTR	GRADE 1				GRADE 8			
	ON TIME	LATE TILL YR END	LATE IN JAN 24	GR. TOT	ON TIME	LATE TILL YR END	LATE IN JAN 2024	GR. TOT
CWED			7	7			14	14
ECK			2	2			1	1
MCED		1	2	3	1		5	6
MEED	3	5	40	48	3	88	148	239
MNED			1	1			3	3
MSED			11	11	18	39	122	179
OED								
WC. ED			5	5			10	10
TOTAL	3	6	68	77	22	127	303	452

Status of online and manual applications of learners

- There are still extremely late applications being submitted on a daily basis.
- For the period 8 to 16 February 2024, a total of 63 new applications for Grade 1 (17) and Grade 8 (46) were submitted.
- Parents are still being allowed to complete hard copy forms and Districts capture applications online.
- The online system works well since each application can be tracked – and all correspondence related to the application can be uploaded. System also generates correspondence to parents.
- For 2025 applications, parents who require it, will be offered assistance to ensure that their applications are captured online: pop-up centres at malls, walk-in centres at districts and schools.

Other placement progress updates

- Additional posts and other resources have been deployed where needed.
- Processes to provide resources for learners who applied very late are being placed and are underway.
- 10th Day Snap Survey.
- Where enrolled learners did not arrive, and parents remain uncontactable, places were allocated to other learners on the waiting list.
- Districts have made significant progress in placing learners, but securing places for the extremely late arrivals remains a challenge.

Challenges pertaining to online and manual applications

- Increased demand versus classroom supply and fiscal constraints.
- Late applications impact significantly on securing funding, procuring and deploying resources such as additional posts and other resources at very short notice.
- Schools of choice.
- Demand for transfers when learners already have a place at a school.
- Gaps in integrated planning – housing and other urban developments not necessarily aligned to classroom delivery models.
- Access to the internet and free Wi-Fi availability at schools in poorer communities.

Status of learner transport, textbooks and furniture provision

Learner Transport Schemes (LTS)

- All 537 LTS applications for 2024 were processed and implemented, where approved.
- All approved learners are being transported.
- Additional LTS applications currently being received are processed for imminent implementation, where approved.

Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM)

- A total of 432 678 textbooks were delivered to 618 schools.
- These include top-up textbooks and textbooks for new schools and additional classrooms.

Furniture

- A total of 117 559 furniture items were provided to schools.
- These include furniture items procured by schools after transfers payments by the WCED.

Infrastructure delivery

- We have **completed 255 additional classrooms** so far, with a further **317 classrooms currently in construction** at new and existing schools.
- Learners are already in class at brand new schools in Belhar, Kwanokuthula, Fisherhaven, Saldanha, Hout Bay and Macassar.
- New classrooms have been added to existing schools across the province, where demand for placement is highest.



Perseverance Primary School

Examples of completed projects



Murray/Kwanokuthula Junior High School



Perseverance Junior High School



Fisherhaven Junior High School



Rivergate Primary School



Westcott Primary School



Parow High School



In construction: Learners with Special Education Needs



Lentegeur Learners with Special Education Needs



Beacon Learners with Special Education Needs



Mary Harding Learners with Special Education Needs



Bel Porto Learners with Special Education Needs

In construction new schools

- Since we secured an interdict against disruptions at the construction site of two new schools at Blueridge Sports Grounds, we have been making steady progress toward delivering the first phase later this year.
- Construction of Lwandle Primary School is also back on track, and we are hoping to have this completed with 8 classrooms before the second term begins, barring any further delays.



Blue Ridge Primary School



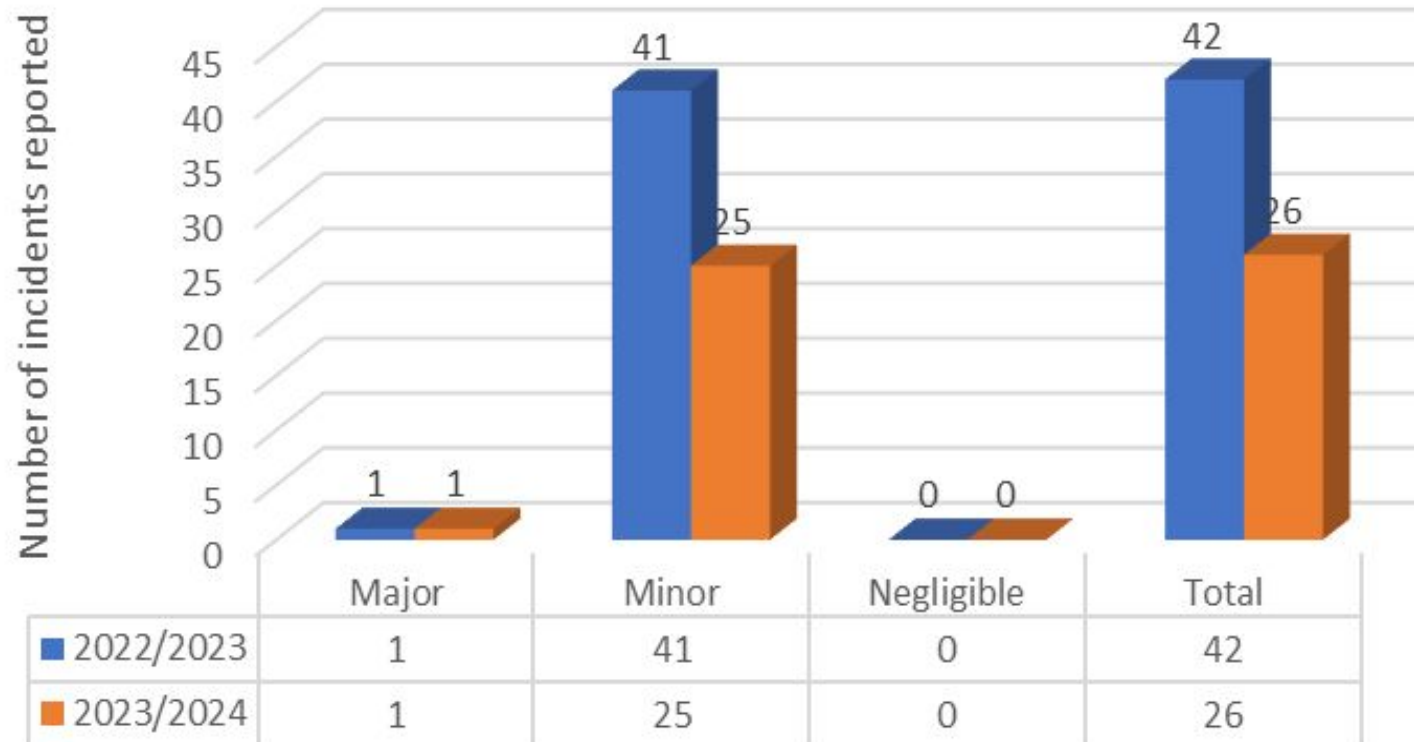
Lwandle Primary School

Vandalism and burglaries at schools

- Safe Schools supported 486 schools with holiday security to curb vandalism and/or burglaries.
- At 298 of the 486 schools, *12-hour* guarding services were provided.
- At 188 of the 486 schools, *24-hour* guarding services were provided.
- During the Dec 2023/Jan 2024 holiday period, 26 incidents were reported, which affected 24 schools. Two schools reported two cases.
- Incidents of burglaries/vandalism were reported at 12 schools that had guarding services.
- Incidents of burglaries/vandalism were reported at 12 schools that did not have guarding services.

Safe school holiday burglary.vandalism analysis

Major Burglary & Vandalism Comparison Totals for December Holidays 2023/2024



Extent of Damage Reported

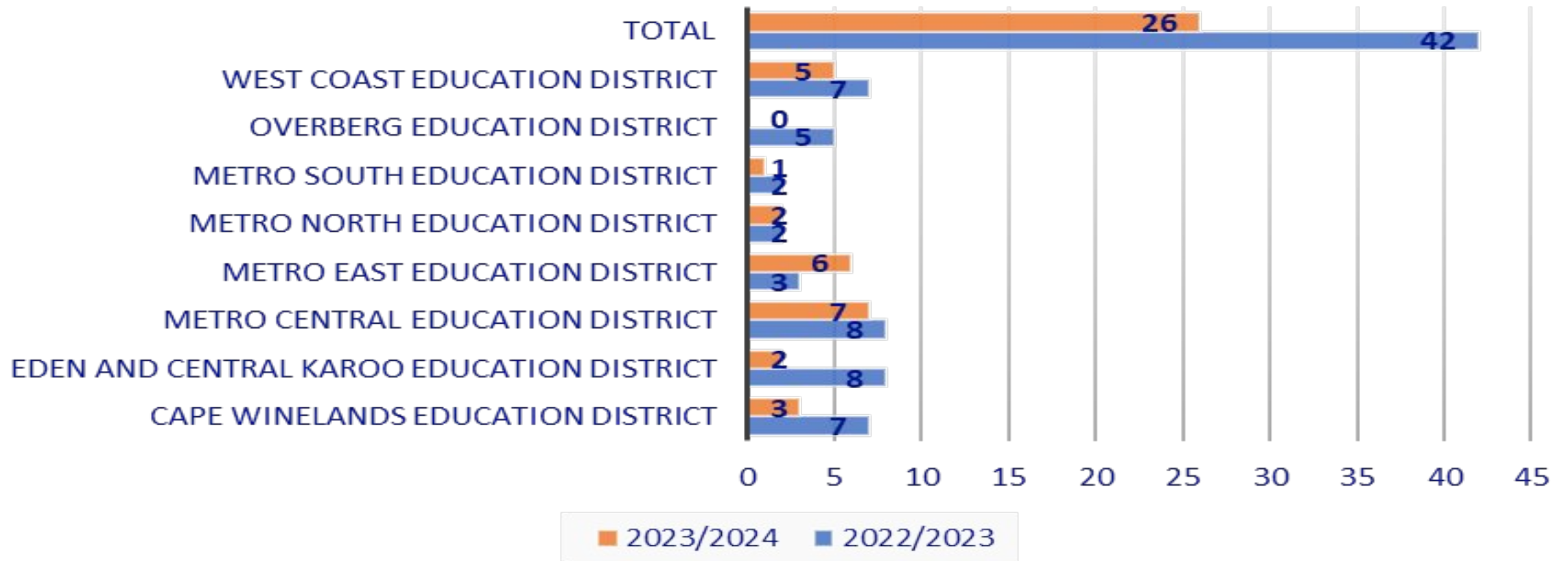
- One major incident was reported in Metro East Education District.

Comparative Analysis

- There has been a 38% decrease in cases reported during the periods Dec 23 - Jan 24 compared to Dec 22 - Jan 23.

Number of schools reporting Holiday Burglaries (District Comparison)

Number of Holiday Burglaries Reported (December 2023 / January 2024)



Thank you