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BASIC EDUCATION DEPARTMENT DISMISSES AS FAKE NEWS THE NOTICE THAT IS CIRCULATING ON SOCIAL MEDIA REGARDING SCHOOL CLOSURES

The Department of Basic Education has dismissed as fake news a document purporting to be a circular saying that schools will close for 4 weeks from tomorrow.

South Africans must ignore the misleading document as it was not issued by the Department. It is not a formal circular. The signature of the Director-General was lifted from the Guidelines sent out to schools earlier this week.

The fraudsters who created the document must face the full might of the law for causing confusion leading to the mass hysteria.

The Department appeals to South Africans to always check the source of the documents and information they receive before sharing it further.

The fake news is hurting the country's efforts at managing the Coronavirus pandemic which the government is seized with at the moment.

The President will address the nation at 18:00 following the special Cabinet meeting held today.

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