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**COMPETITION COMMISSIONER TO VISIT SCHOOLS IN GQEBERHA**

The Commissioner of the Competition Commission, Mr Tembinkosi Bonakele will, on Monday 17 January 2022, visit schools in Gqeberha to raise awareness on the School Uniform Guidelines in line with Circular No. 11 of 2020 issued by the Department of Basic Education (DBE Circular No. 11 of 2020) jointly with the Competition Commission in December 2020.

Essentially, the guidelines seek to ensure that:

- School uniform is as generic as possible;
- The number of unique school uniform items is limited to only a few items that the schools regards as necessary to obtain from pre-selected suppliers;
- Parents/ learners are able to exercise their choice as consumers;
- Schools undertake a competitive bidding process when selecting service providers and where feasible appoint more than one service provider; and
- Schools conclude agreements of limited duration to avoid long-term or evergreen contract with suppliers of school uniform

The Commissioner's visit is an integral part of the Commission's nationwide advocacy campaign aimed at ensuring compliance with the School Uniform Guidelines and to encourage schools to sign the "Undertaking to Comply with Competition Principles in School Uniform Procurement" as a commitment to practice pro-competitive procurement. In his visit, which coincides with the resumption of the 2022 coastal academic season, the Commissioner will interact with School Headmasters, parents, guardians, SGBs and SMEs operating in the manufacturing and procurement of school uniform to establish the state of compliance.

The Commission encourages schools to sign an undertaking to comply with the guidelines, which can be found on the Commission's website on [www.compcom.co.za](http://www.compcom.co.za)

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