



HOËRSKOOL BIRCHLEIGH
THE SCHOOL OF OPPORTUNITIES

23 FEBRUARY 2026

Dear Parents/Guardians

We would like to inform you of the significant impact that the current strike action in Tembisa has had on our school operations today. As of this morning, 16 of our educators have been unable to report for duty due to blocked access to routes and safety concerns regarding travel. Approximately 35% of our learner population is also absent today.

Despite these challenges, the school remains partially operational. However, due to the high volume of staff absenteeism and PLG teachers' training taking place at Hoërskool Jeugland, the **school will close at 13:00 today**. Please make the necessary transport arrangements.

Please take note of the following:

1. No formal assessments or SBA's will be conducted today. Communication of new dates will be sent.
2. A catch-up programme to recover lost curriculum time will be communicated in due course.
3. Learners who are unable to leave at 13:00 will remain in the hall under supervision until the school officially closes at 14:15.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. We urge all members of our school community to prioritise their safety during this time.

C. GOVENDER
PRINCIPAL