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PRESS STATEMENT

IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## SUBJECT: BLM CAUTIONS RESIDENTS AND MOTORISTS OF PERSISTENT RAINFALLS

Bushbuckridge Local Municipality is cautioning members of the public especially those living in the lowlying areas, and those next to the dams and riverbanks to be on high alert as the persistent rainfalls continue to fall. The South African Weather Services has cautioned of heavy rainfalls in some parts of the country with the possibility of localized flooding, the municipality is therefore urging members of the public to be on the lookout for any changes in weather patterns which might affect their lives.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to ensure that school going learners are traveling safe to school especially those that walk to school, to ensure that no school learner crosses flooded bridges, rivers and streams, no matter how shallow the waters during this rainy period. Motorists are urged to drive cautiously on the roads, reduce speed and ensure that headlights or fog lights are switched on during this period. "You only live once, therefore, make sure that you drive safe and adhere to the rules of the road to be able to arrive alive".

Disaster Management Officials have been dispatched to various parts of the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality's area of jurisdiction and beyond to ensure that immediate help is available for any uncertain situation. For any assistant or information on any kind of aid, members of the public and motorists are urged to contact Disaster, Fire, and Rescue Management on 013 065 0983 or 060 506 4020.

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