Stats:

1. Times Live (2023):

* More than 1,000 pupils in Gauteng are yet to be placed for the 2023 academic year.

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* On the first day of school on Wednesday, close to 1,400 children still did not know where they would be starting the new academic year.
* Frustrated parents continue to criticise the online application system, citing its inefficiency.

1. Dailymaverik (2023):

* Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga is under fire once again as schools reopened on Wednesday, with parents complaining of multiple online application system issues and then 1,300 children in Gauteng still waiting to be placed.

1. News24 (2021):

* Five years since its launch, the Gauteng education department's online application system continues to give problems.
* When it was launched in 2016, the system was meant to handle large volumes of applications and to make the school application process more transparent.
* Last-minute school hunting continues to overburden Gauteng parents whose children still need to be placed. Sadly, 1 394 candidates will remain at home, uncertain if they will be attending school.

1. IOL (2022)

* “The system is not able to handle the amount of traffic as registration was only available for a few minutes after 8 this morning,” Ramulifho said

1. Mail and guardian: 2019

* At a press conference on Tuesday, he told members of the media the provincial education department had experienced difficulties contacting some 16 000 parents with regard to their children’s placement. As a result, these parents did not provide adequate documentation, making the process difficult.