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PRESS STATEMENT

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**SUBJECT: BLM WARNS MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY TO BE ON HIGH ALERT FOLLOWING
SAWS CYCLONE DIKELEDI WARNING**

Following South African Weather Service's weather alert, the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality is notifying members of the community in particular those residing in low-lying areas to be on high alert. The South African Weather Services has warned that Cyclone Dikeledi is taking shape in the Indian Ocean tracking west direction, and it's anticipated to make landfall in northern Madagascar on Saturday 11th January 2025 before drifting south towards Mozambique where it is expected to weaken.

While it notes that there's little chance that this cyclone will directly impact South Africa, the South African Weather Services dictates that areas in the northeastern Mpumalanga including Mbombela, Bushbuckridge and Skhukhuza remain vigilant. The Bushbuckridge Local Municipality is calling upon its citizen to be on high alert and should contact the municipal Disaster Services on 060 506 4020/ 013 650 0983 should the unexpected happen.

Both municipal Fire and Disaster Management Services are on high alert and are ready to intervene should the unexpected happen. People and motorists are warned not to cross flooded footbridges and low-lying water bridges, those residing in the low-lying areas should move highlands should water levels in the streams and rivers rise. Parents are advised to keep a watchful eye on their children and possibly keep them indoors, and do not go on a trip if not necessary to do so especially for outdoor activities.

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