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Welcome to our first edition in 2024 academic year. The previous year was the best year for the North West Department of Education and we anticipate that 2024 will even be a greater one. Our province improved from position 5 to position 4 in the country with a staggering 81,63% compared to 79,8% which was achieved in 2023 during the matric results.

Different stakeholders across the province hailed the performance of the department in the 2023 matric results. We are hopeful that our communities will start at the beginning of the year to support the department's efforts in obtaining good results.

Now that the department will be hosting the second biggest School Governing Body elections in the country on 1 March – 31 March 2024, parents are again urged to participate in these elections. Parents should elect representatives who will govern schools on their behalf. Normally schools which performs well academically are those that their school governing bodies are performing exceptionally well.

Therefore, parents are encouraged to elect leaders who will propel the performance of their schools.

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Congratulatory Message



To the Class of 2023,

A resounding congratulations to each and every one of you! Your staggering achievement of 81.63% and propelling North West province to 4th place in the national matric results is a testament to your dedication, resilience, and unwavering faith in yourselves.

This triumph extends beyond numbers, for it echoes in the six learners from the North West School for the Deaf special school who earned their endorsed NSCs. This is after the disappointing zero percent in the 2022 academic year to a pleasant 66.6% in 2023. Your journey is an inspiration to us all, demonstrating the boundless possibilities that bloom within each individual.

Indeed, my visits to special schools during the last push campaign reaffirmed my belief in the transformative power of education. Witnessing your determination and the unwavering support of your teachers and families was a privilege.

The turnaround story of John Frylinck High School, the school I have since adopted, fills me with immense pride. From a school marred by gangsterism to one that has significantly improved its pass rate, your journey exemplifies the power of collective will and unwavering commitment. This triumph is a beacon of hope, proving that even the most daunting challenges can be overcome.

The remarkable turnaround of Letsatsing High School demonstrates that growth is a constant pursuit. You have rewritten your narrative, proving that with unwavering effort and a renewed focus, anything is possible. Remember, "Education is the passport to the future, for tomorrow belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams."
– Nelson Mandela.

I believe that with much zeal and purpose the class of 2024 will carry the flame of this achievement to gain newer heights and continue to let it illuminate the path for those who follow.

I am eternally grateful to our teachers, principals, parents, community members, School Management Teams, School Governing Bodies, Teacher Unions, Business Sector as well as Faith Based Organisations; the Curriculum support services and all of the team education from my office to Local Education Offices, thank you for your unwavering support to build a solid Team Education.

With immense pride,
Viola Motsumi, MEC for Education, NW

North West Celebrates The Matric 2023 Results

By Nonkululeko Sereo

The Convention Centre at Sun City, near Rustenburg was filled to capacity during the annual celebration of the Class of 2023. The matric cohort who managed to make the North West Province proud were being celebrated on Friday, 19 January 2024. The North West MEC, Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi in celebrating and congratulating the top performing learners of the Class of 2023 expressed her gratitude towards this achievement.

"I am extremely proud to announce that the North West Department of Education upped the results and obtained position 4 in the country as compared to the previous matric cohort of 2022 who obtained position 5. This class improved on the last year percentage of 79, 8% to 81,63%."

"I really wish to salute the educators who went an extra-mile by teaching learners in the afternoons, weekends and on public holidays. I believe that without our teachers we are totally nothing. I should thank all the departmental officials together with the parents of learners for the support they provided throughout to the year", said MEC Motsumi.

Prominent figures, Stakeholders, Principals, Parents and Departmental officials joined the celebrations. Honourable Nono Maloyi, the leader of Government Business took time to congratulate MEC Motsumi, Hon. Maloyi also asked the learners to apply for bursaries, be educated and later be of service to their communities.

MEC Motsumi appreciated the work and support of school based, sponsors and all stakeholders. She highlighted that the province was able to achieve position 4 in the country as a result of the efforts, commitment and determination of principals, teachers, school governing bodies and most importantly the learners. She was also excited that all districts improved from 2022 announcement of the results.

The awards of the top learners are as follows:

Wian Landman is the top learner in the province from Potchefstroom Gimnasium in Dr Kenneth Kaunda. He obtained six distinctions and scored 1699 marks in all subjects excluding Life Orientation.

Content subjects

Agricultural Science

Okahia Chingwe from Kgalatlowe High School in Bojanala

Business Studies

Modukanele Tshenolo from Zeerust High School in Ngaka Modiri Molema

Kgori Kutlo from Zeerust High School in Ngaka Modiri Molema

Modise Paballo from HF Tlou High School in Bojanala

Motau Reneilwe from Tsogo Secondary School in Bojanala

Maluleka Regoratile from Eletsa Secondary School in Bojanala

Tlale Botshelo from Eletsa Secondary School in Bojanala.

Economics

Tlale Botshelo from Eletsa Secondary School in Bojanala Geography

Mompoloki Nku from Mmabatho High School in Ngaka Modiri Molema

History

Seakela Omphemetse from Mphe-Bana Secondary School in Bojanala

Life Sciences

Menyatso Nompumelelo from Boitekong II Secondary School in Bojanala





Mathematics

Ntshana Khanimamba from Meridian Rustenburg Secondary School in Bojanala
Menyuka Siboniso from Bafokeng High School in Bojanala
Gwiliza Ntambiso from Rakgatla High School in Bojanala
Mdau Ofentse from Zacharia Mankgatlang Secondary School in Bojanala

Mathematical Literacy

Beng Rasechaba from Diteho Secondary School in Bojanala
Physical Sciences
Chula Reoagile from Tsogo Secondary School in Bojanala

Setswana Home Language

Vitelane Anamina from Sunrise View Secondary School in Bojanala

Top learner in Special School

Noge Tshiamo from Tlamelang Special School in Ngaka Modiri Molema

Top learner in Independent Schools

Ntshana Khanimamba from Meridian Rustenburg Secondary School in Bojanala

Top performing Districts

Bojanala District obtained the first position with 84,24%
Dr Kenneth Kaunda obtained the second position with 83,51%
Ngaka Modiri Molema District obtained the third position with 78,97%
Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti received position four with 77,16%

Top learners walked away with different prizes:

Nompumelelo Menyatso, Johannes Muller, Rasechaba Beng and Nku Mompoloki received R10 000 from Sparkling Water Hotel as districts top learners. You Fm also donated R30 000 for learners from disadvantaged backgrounds; Menyatso Nompumelelo received R15 000, Tlale Botshelo received R10 000 and Reoagile Chula received R5 000 from You FM. Bojanala district scooped the best performing district award.
The Class of 2023 is the tenth cohort of learners to write the CAPS-aligned National Seniors Certificate (NSC) Examinations. They enrolled for Grade 1 in 2012 when the NSC was written for the fourth time at Grade 12. They are the last matric class of the sixth administration, which took over the reins in May 2019



Wian Landman North West Top Learner

By Nonkululeko Sereo



"It feels unreal" those are the words of humble 18year old Wian Landman from Potchefstroom when asked how he feels to be the top learner in the province. After the MEC Ntsetsao Motsumi announced that he was the overall top learner, the audience immediately gave a standing ovation for this exceptional learner at the 2023 matric results release that was held in Sun-City Resort, Bojanala district on the 19th of January 2024.

Wian is no stranger to success. He attended Laerskool Mooirivier where he was the top learner in his grades several times and third overall in 7th grade. However, since then, he has been the Dux-learner from grade 8 up until grade 12 with an average of 93%.

Wian explained that it is an exceptional honour and that he is grateful that his hard work and faith has led him to this great achievement. Wian Landman is a former learner at Potchefstroom Gimnasium in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district.

Mr Landman says that he made it to this position because of his hard work, faith and strong support system. He is inspired by his brother who is a hard worker and his partner who is very persistent and always does her best.

"Start as soon as you can and work to make sure that you never fall behind. Work with your teachers, as they are there to get the best out of you. Homework is also a big part of academic success, because when you are alone and you have to do the work by yourself, it is much easier to identify your weak areas, which will assist you in improving more efficiently," advised Wian to the class of 2024.



He obtained six distinctions and scored 1699 marks in all subjects excluding Life Orientation. His excellent results awarded him a certificate, trophy, laptop, tablet and goodie bag from Macmillian and Maskew Miller. Wian got seven distinctions; 88% Afrikaans Huistaal, 89% English FAL, 98% Mathematics, 95% Physical Sciences, 97% - Accounting, 98% Information Technology and lastly 98% in Life Orientation.

"I have participated in several Olympiads over the years. In 2023, I got second position in the GeeXpo Math Olympiad as well as the GeeXpo IT Olympiad," said Landman.

Landman is pursuing a career in BSc. Actuarial Sciences at the North West University, Potchefstroom campus as he has a passion for Mathematics, finances and computer programming.

The North West Department of Education is certain that whatever Landman will put his hands upon, will be a success and it will be proud that they crossed paths with him. Best wishes for your bright future Wian!

Ngaka Modiri Molema District awarding and celebrating its stars of 2023

by Tshegofatso Molopyane

The class of 2023 was celebrated on the 23rd January 2024 at the Mocoseng Sundown Ranch.

The event was attended by 350 people including our stars and their parents, educators, principals, departmental officials, stakeholders and the sponsors. The Ngaka Modiri Molema District ward councillor Mr F. Gandana wished the learners well and advised them to be emotionally and mentally prepared for the new world.

The attendees were inspired and motivated by Reverend P.K Kgwadi who gave a powerful sermon; the scripture of the day was on Psalm 26:1-5 which talks about God’s love which is eternal.

The circuit coordinator Mr Muhluyo appreciated the hard work that the class of 2023 displayed, the support the educators, subject advisors, principals and all managers gave each other during that time of preparation for examinations and during the examinations. The class of 2023 is considered a focused class as they were cooperative with attending all camps provided by the department. They made it against all odds; amongst others, loading-shedding.

Top 5 Learners in the District

- Position 5, Ranthitong KA, Mma kgaje Secondary School
- Position 4, Moroane R, Tswelelopele High School
- Position 3, Colyn M, Lichtenburg High School
- Position 2, Mphofu RF, Batswana High Commercial School
- Position 1, Nku M, Mmabatho High School.

The 20 top learners received certificates and gifts courtesy of Harmony Gold Mine, Konica Minolta, Sanlam, Old Mutual, Metropolitan, Maskew Miller Learning, PEU and SAICA

The top performing learner in accounting will receive a bursary from SAICA to study Chartered Accounting at any institution of their choice.





TSHIAMO NOGE OBTAINS 3 DISTINCTIONS AGAINST ALL ODDS

By: Elias Malindi

The North West Department of Education is proud about Tshiamo Noge, an 18 years old boy learner from Tlamelang Special School in Gelukspan who obtained three distinctions against all odds in his 2023 matric results.

Tshiamo Noge who hails from Agisanang Township in Sannieshof is using a wheelchair to walk, obtained three distinctions in Business Studies, Life Orientation and SeTswana whilst in other subjects he obtained level six in English and Accounting studies.

Noge indicated that his disability did not stand on his way from achieving his dreams.

“I would like to emphasize that, I did not allow my disability to stand on my way and stop my dreams. I want to tell people that being disabled does not mean you are unable, there are better things you can do and achieve them. Don't let disability to stand on your way, reach for the sky.

“I would like to convey a special thank you to all my teachers who were very patient with us at school. They were well experienced, they understood our weaknesses. They helped us in everything we did and they motivated us. I would not have achieved this milestone, if I did not get the support of my teachers. Lastly thank you to the Department of Education for supporting learners in my school, we received all the necessary support”, said Noge.

Gerald Komape the Deputy Principal at Tlamelang Special School, who taught him Mathematics indicated that Tshiamo Noge was a humble learner from a very supportive family. He said all teachers liked him for who he was and he is an introvert. He did not talk too much, one could not see how intelligent he was.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi expressed that Tshiamo Noge was a motivation to many young people who taught passing Grade 12 was a pipe dream. “On behalf of the department I want to congratulate Tshiamo Noge who passed his matric against all odds. This really shows that if you are dedicated and committed to your goals nothing is impossible. Many young people can learn a lot from Tshiamo, he did not allow his condition to cloud his dreams.

I want to encourage each and every one of us to learn from his experience”, said MEC Motsumi. In 2024 academic year Tshiamo is intending to improve his mathematics results in which he obtained level 3. He intends to pursue a commercial qualification, after he obtained good results in mathematics.

Anemina Vitelane A Itlhoma Kwa Pele Mo Puong Ya Setswana

by Godfrey Seattle

Mosetsana wa dingwaga di le 18 go tswa kwa sekolong se se golwane sa Sunrise View kwa Rustenburg o makaditse ba le bantsi fa a ne a tsholetsa sekgele sa morutwana yo o gaisitseng mo Porofenseng ka puo ya Setswana (Home-Language).

Anemina yo o tswang kwa motseng wa Meriteng Extension 1 kwa Rustenburg ke morutwana yo o gaisitseng mo puong ya Setswana mo Bokone Bophirima fa dipholo tsa Marematlou tsa ngwaga wa 2023 di phasaladiwa semmuso. Anamina o bontshitse fa seane se se reng Tloga tloga e tloga gale modisa wa dikgomo o tswa natso sakeng, e le boammaruri. O simolotse go bontsha bokgoni mo serutweng sa setswana go tloga kwa Grade 3 mme a tswela go nna le lorato mo serutweng seo go fitlha a kwala lokwalo lwa marematlou, ngogola.

Mosetsana yo ka tlhago e leng Motsonga, o kgonne go fitlhelela maduo a 280 go tswa go 300 (93%) mo puong ya loleme lwa gamme, e leng Setswana. Anamina Vitelane o goletse mo lelapeng le le sa itsholelang ebile batsadi ba gagwe ba sa dire. Rraagwe Anamina o ba tlhokomela ka go thusa batho ka serori le go ba isetsa dithoto kwa malapeng. Fa mmaagwe ena e le modiri wa mo malapeng (Domestic worker).

Batsadi ba ga Anemina ba ba tswang Mozambique, ba motlotlo ka ena gonne o ba rutila go bua, go kwala gammogo le go buisa Setswana. Anamina o buile a sa kgale mathe ganong gore "sengwe le sengwe mo botshelong o ka se fitlhelela fa o na le lorato mo go sona ebile o tshwere ka natla".

Mosetsana yo wa Motsonga o tlhalositse fa sephiri sa go fitlhelela tsotlhe e le go itshoka, go nna pelotelele, go reetsa le go tsenya tirisong dikgakololo tsa barutabana ka nako tsotlhe". Ka ntlha ya sona seo, Anamina o kgonne go falola le dirutwa tse dingwe ka dinaledi ka go ikgapela 90% mo Geography, 88% English, 85% Life Sciences, 69% Mathematics le 69% Physical Sciences.

Morutwana yo ga jaana a yang go nna moithuti kwa Unibesiting ya Wits, o ya go dira tsa Booki (nursing). Anamina o tlhalositse fa Setswana se tlele go tsaya karolo e kgolo mo go alafeng le go bua le balwetsi fa a fetsa dithoto tsa gagwe tsa Booki fa gautshwane. O rotloeditse baithuti ba Marematlou ba monogwaga gore ba tsware thata e se re go utlwa sebedu ba kgaoga.



Bojanala District Tops The North West 2023 Matric Results

The Platinum District was once again announced as the top achiever of the 2023 Release of Matric Results during the Provincial event held on the 19th January 2024, at Suncity Rustenburg.

Bojanala topped the provincial results score sheets and obtained position 1 in the province more than 5 times consecutively. The top provincial matric achiever recorded a high percentage of 84.24% which is remarkably higher than the national and provincial pass rates. According to the recorded statistics, Bojanala has consistently performed more than 80% since 2018. In 2023, the District increased their pass percentage with 2.84% as compared to 2022 where they received 81.4 % pass rate.

A number of high performing schools and Local Education Offices contributed to the excellent performance displayed by the district in the 2023 matric Results. Rustenburg High School obtained position 2 in the category of Top Performing schools based on highest number of subject distinctions and had also topped performing schools on quality –admission to Bachelor Degree studies where 220 of its 301 candidates passed with Bachelors. Meanwhile, Fields College topped the category of best performing school in the district where all its 134 registered learners passed their matric in 2023.

The best Local Education Offices (LEO) in Bojanala which contributed outstandingly to the district and provincial results were Rustenburg with 86.05% followed by Moses Kotane with 85.89%, Moretele with 83.59% and Madibeng with 83.52%. In content subjects, Bojanala produced a top learner on Accounting (Madute Bonolo: ithuteng Commercial H.S), Agricultural Science (Okahia Chingwe: Kgalatlowe H.S), Economics (Tlale Botshabelo: Eletsa Sesondary), History (Seakela Omphemetse: Mphe Bana Secondary), Life Sciences (Menyatswe Nompumelelo: Boitekong II Secondary), Physical Sciences (Chula Reoagile: Tsogo Secondary), Setswana Home Language (Vitelani Anamina: Sunrise View Secondary).

by Godfrey Seattle



A learner who obtained position 1 in the district was Chula Keoagile from Tsogo Secondary School in Rustenburg and he was also the top physical science learner in the province. He scored 97% in Physical Science, 98% in Life Orientation, 95% in Life Sciences, 95% in Accounting, 91% English first additional Language and 89% in Setswana Home Language. Chula Keoagile from Rustenburg Local Education Office was also announced as the top learner in Quintile 3.

The District further produced 4 top learners in Mathematics and 4 top learners in Business Studies and all those learners scooped a total mark of 300 out of 300.

She also passed her appreciation and congratulations to parents, stakeholders and everyone who made it possible for the district to perform excellently. principals and teachers, for a huge support they have made to enable the district to perform well. The district director lamented that the district didn't reach their 2023 pass percentage target of 87%. She however, indicated that in 2024 the district is targeting 90% and that will give them enough chance to compete with other districts across the country. Dr Paledi concluded by saying that Bojanala will be amongst the top 10 district in the country, come 2024 announcement of the results.



North West Department of Education honours Beng

by Oratile Mogodi



Mathematical Literacy is one of the subjects that are often belittled by most people and it is said to be one of the easiest subject, but in contrary to that the results in some areas have proven otherwise.

Spirits were high as the North West Department of Education honoured and celebrated Rasechaba Beng who was a top learner in the Mathematical Literacy with the final mark of 296 over 300. Rasechaba is a learner from Diteho Secondary School, Kagiso Molopo Local Education Offices.

Rasechaba Beng, a learner from Morokwaneng said that the reason behind him choosing Mathematical Literacy was that there was no other option leading him to resort to Mathamatical Literacy. One of the challenges he experienced was that of not understanding the actual questions forcing him to go through the questions multiple times before he could attempt to answer. He continued to say that him being a top achiever in this particular subject is an emphasis that he is capable of achieving everything that he puts his mind to. Rasechaba wants to study education at the university of Johannesburg. He closed off by advising learners who might find this subject difficult, to view the subject as something that is happening in their real life.

It is prodigious to have a boy child being a top achiever and is encouraging to those who have lost hope in themselves academically.

The North West Department of Education congratulated Nompumelelo Menyatso from Boitekong 2 Secondary School in Rustenburg for her excellent 2023 matric result at Sun City Resort on Friday, 19 January 2024.

Menyatso was awarded in the following subjects: Top achiever in Life Science with final mark of 291, Top Girl Learner in Mathematics and Physical Science combined, she obtains position one (1) in quintile 1 in 6 best subjects, she was awarded R10 000.00 cash from Sparkling Waters for the top learner in the district, You FM Radio awarded R30 000.00 cash to three learners from disadvantaged background and Nompumelelo Menyatso received R15 000.00 cash.

Furthermore, she also received the following prizes: Trophies, Certificates.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi appreciated the girl learner for the good performance.

"I want to congratulate Nompulelo Menyatso for her sterling performance. Really I am happy to see girls rising up performing alongside with the boys. Many girls will be motivated from Nompumelelo to work hard in their studies", said MEC Motsumi.

Menyatso has a registered for an Engineering degree with the University of Pretoria.

"Well Done to Nompumelelo Menyatso a girl learner"

By: Refiloe Motswenyane



DR RUTH S. MOMPATI DISTRICT WELL DONE FUNCTION

by Kelebogile Mothibi

Dr Ruth S. Mompati District hosted its Well Done Function for class of 2023 on the 24th January 2024. The district performed at 77,16% in 2023 as compared to 76% in 2022. That slight increase of 0,37% enabled the District to still hold position 4 in the Province. The function aimed to celebrate outstanding achievement of the learners and educators for the sleepless nights towards their performance.

Not forgetting the incredible contributions made by Kagisano Molopo Local Education Office for being position 1 amongst all in the District and position 3 in the Province. Learners, educators, principals, subject advisors, parents, guardians and other educational stakeholders were appreciated for their contribution towards the results.

During the welcome address, the District Director, Ms Dithjane reminded the invitees that the cohort of learners sitting right there were in Grade 9 in 2020 during Covid 19 pandemic. Schools were closed or working on a shift basis and while they were expected to choose subjects that are more comfortable for them for career path.

Learners missed contact lessons, support materials, career guidance, joyful school environment, peers, trimming of curriculum and many more. "Against all the odds these lovely children of ours managed to overcome all the obstacles, managed to keep focused, managed to recoup from the trimmed curriculum, defect loneliness and lack of friends and keep motivated" she said.

The occasion was graced by the District Executive Mayor of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District, Cllr Motseokae Sense Maje, MMC Councillors Grace Masilo and Lydia Duiker and Cllr Groep, Naledi Local Municipality Mayor. During the Executive Mayor's message of support, he extended the greatest appreciation to the 2023 results achievers. The mayor encouraged the learners to be always at higher expectations despite the situation. He further highlighted that despite the challenges, the District Municipality will change or improve its socio economy through District Development Model.

"We need to pull together as political leaders and parents to take the District to better achievement, provide holistically support to education not only at the final year. Ngwana ke sejo wa thakanelwa" he concluded.





He further indicated that it is time to take care of learners from the disadvantaged background through the Special Projects in his office, they are going to assist those learners with registration and make sure that they are offered bursaries from the Office of the Premier. The District Mayor also offered out top learner a bursary of R50 000 for registration.

Mr Mohithi, our National NTA winner, was a motivational speaker of the day, sharing his own experience with those learners was very key to boost their self esteem and confidence. He further encouraged them to set and achieve their goals. He shared the words of wisdom with four i.e. Excellence, Attitude, Association and Serve. He outlined the excellence as a lifestyle, a habit and demands attention. Attitude to inspire other and not being selfish, go getter attitude. Watch who you associate with at the University and greatness comes from serving others, model a morality of your life. "Your determination defines a person not your situation, unleash the potential in you" he concluded.

During the awards ceremony, not only academic categories were recognised but also school enrichment activities, school library services, oral history, science expo and most improved full service school, they were acknowledged with trophies and certificates. Kagisano Molopo as the best performing Sub District and Ganyesa Circuit, no1 circuit in the District also received.

Schools performed in Mathematics, Physical Science, English and Home Languages were awarded trophies and certificates. The District also acknowledged the Provincial Award Recipients, S. Robiyane from Batlhaping Secondary School in Taung Central (Greater Taung Sub District) best performing in Mathematics and R.B. Beng in Mathematics Literacy from Diteho Secondary in Morokweng 2 (Kagisano Molopo).

They were both amongst top 10 learners in the District i.e. (10) Gaolae O. from Huhudi Secondary, (9) Monchusi B.T. from Tigerkloof Combined, (8) Ditlhobolo O. from Thuso Thebe Secondary, (7) Phakedi B. from Bopaganang Secondary, (6) Keohitlhetse M.K.B. from Seabo Secondary, (5) Soul B.R. from Setswakgosing Secondary, (4) Lepedi K.D. from Thuso Thebe Secondary, (3) Saha P from Tigerkloof Combined, (2) Seaganeng P from Monchusi Secondary and our top learner Robiyane S. from Batlhaping Secondary.

The District also acknowledged the top 10 schools which obtained the range 945 to 100% i.e. (10) Tigerkloof Combined, (9) Huhudi Secondary, (8) Reivilo Combined, (7) Diteho Secondary, (6) Bogosing Secondary, (5) Vryburg High, (4) Kismet Combined, (3) Tong Comprehensive, our 100% performers i.e. Christiana School for the Blind (2) and Stella High (1).

Special gratitude to Huhudi Secondary from Kagisano Molopo which produced quality and quantity based on percentage of candidates qualifying for admission to the higher institution for degree studies, 173 learners out of 199 obtained bachelors (86,9%), bravo to Huhudi!!!



Agriculture Is Life Giving

By Nonkululeko Sereo

Chingwe Dimpho Okahia from Kgalatlowe High School in Bojanala district, says that the examinations were tough yet she is the top learner in Agricultural Science in the province. She states that it feels amazing to get such a position as it was unexpected, but is proud of herself.

Chingwe says she has always loved gardening. ***“My grandmother has always told me that I have great hands because all my plants grew and produced fruits but this one time when I couldn’t get any growth, I wanted to know why they didn’t grow so I knew that Agricultural Science would answer me,”*** said Chingwe.

She plans to study Bachelor of Health Sciences in Biomedical Sciences and later have an agricultural business. Chingwe advises the Agricultural Sciences class of 2024 to know their content like they know themselves before the start of examinations.

Ms Okahia got a certificate, trophy, laptop, tablet and goodie bag from Macmillian and Maskew Miller. The Department of Education wishes her all the best in her future endeavours.



Mafikeng Leo Celebrates The Class Of 2023.



Performing candidates of Mafikeng LEO



Mec Motsumi Meets With Curriculum Management Staff

By Nonkululeko Sereo

MEC Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi met with all curriculum management staff yesterday on the 07th February 2024 at Lichtenburg High School in Ngaka Modiri Molema District. The MEC was joined by the Acting HOD Mr Prince Masilo, DDGs; Dr Shadrack Mvula, and Acting DDG Mr Maropene Seshibe; District Directors and Senior Management Team from Corporate as well as Circuit Coordinators and Departmental officials.

MEC Motsumi expressed her gratitude to the collective for making it possible for the department to obtain position 4 in the 2023 curriculum year. She congratulated the contribution made by majority of the circuits and schools across the province that worked hard to improve the results. As every child in South Africa has the right to education, Ms Motsumi asked that all unplaced learners be placed in schools as a matter of urgency.

She added that herself and Mr Seshibe and Mr Chuma will focus on curriculum issues while Dr Mvula and Mr Masilo should deal with pertinent administration issues. In order to bring change and stability in the system, the MEC announced that she has adopted Ngaka Modiri Molema District, and she allocated Bojanala to Mr Seshibe, Dr Kenneth Kauda to Mr Chuma and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti to Dr Mvula.

That decision will assist districts to receive ample support from corporate and will result in better performance across the sector. As a way of motivation, MEC decided that districts and circuit managers will have a healthy competition. There will be roaming trophies for best performing district and circuit manager, quarterly. This exercise will be led by Mr D Moroeng, Ms D Gaborone and Ms K.A.K Gopane.



MEC Ntsetsao Motsumi informed curriculum staff that incubation camps will occur earlier than the past years and they will be subject and performance focused. She made a clarion call for resourceful schools to help less resourced schools so that all schools are ready to perform. She lastly pledged to support Early Childhood Development (ECD) and balance the sector.

Acting chief director, Mr David Moroeng, gave a profile of 2024 matric cohort. This cohort started Grade 1 in 2013 and their pass rate for Grade 11 in (2023) is at 77%. Mr Moroeng highlighted that in order to reach the 87% provincial pass rate target, schools need to pass at more than 80%, more especially the schools with high enrolment of learners.

Director Ms Keadumela Gopane went in depth of the subject performance of the 2024 cohort. She emphasised that performance in Economics, Life Sciences, Mathematics, Technical Mathematics needed to improve. She also outlined that subjects with small enrolment should be able to pass at 100%. District directors committed in working towards 90% pass rate to adhere to the provincial target of 87% in 2024. Performing circuits were also given platform to share good practices which can be used to uplift the provincial pass percentage.

DISTRIBUTION OF SIMCARDS TO BOOST E-LEARNING

by Oratile Mogodi

To show interest in the digital inclusivity in education, the North west Department of Education together with MTN connectivity provider has seen it suitable to initiate a programme of distributing sim cards to various selected quantile 1-3 schools. The main reason behind this is to promote e-learning and a seamless integration of Information and Communication Technology in the identified schools.

Sim cards are meant to provide learners with enhanced connectivity, enabling access to a wide range of digital resources that will enrich their journey in education. It is through this initiative that learners gain uninterrupted access to online learning platforms, resources and material that will improve their learning by nurturing an interactive and active learning experience.

Educators do play a huge role in in this digital transformation, therefor the Curriculum Support - Services, e-learning unit on behalf of the department committed to giving comprehensive training to educators, which has commenced in the Ngaka Modiri Molema district as of the 13th of February 2024 at Protea Hotel, Mahikeng. These trainings are intended to empower and capacitate educators with the necessary skills and knowledge to enable an effective integration of technology into the curriculum.

This initiative is to revolutionise the way in which teaching and learning is currently taking place and allow learners a room to unlock their full potential of e-learning. Mr Njabulo Khoza from the MTN Foundation urged educators to ensure that they register as many learners as they possibly can and as a way forward, the MTN Foundation committed to meeting virtually with the educators once every month to track their progress.

The training sessions were attended by Mr Matthews and Mr Tjobeka from Curriculum Support Delivery.



GONE ARE THE DAYS GIRLS MISS SCHOOL BECAUSE OF PERIODS

By Nonkululeko Sereo



Berlina Lekgethwane Foundation together with Aaylah donated 200 washable and reusable sanitary pads to 100 girl learners of Jan Masibi Secondary School in Disaneng village, Ngaka Modiri Molema district on Friday, 02 February 2024.

These sanitary towels can be utilized for up to five years. They also do not leak nor irritate and are tested by South African Bureau Standards. The other interesting part with these sanitary towels is that they come in sizes; yes, they cater for different body sizes, small, medium, large, extra-large and super-large.

The learners were told about origin of the towels by Ms Mmabatho and Ms Grace showed them how to simply use/place, remove and also wash the sanitary towel. Ms Mosoeu (QLTC member at the school), the principal, learners and even Kgosi Masibi himself, were grateful for the donation made and the consideration of their school. Kgosi Masibi pleaded with the learners to not engage in sexual relations but rather focus on their school work and aim to make themselves and families proud.

"Ntime O Mphele Ngwana"



The Organisational Structure Review

Technical Task Team Members Successfully Concluded The Structure Review Awareness Campaign Roadshows.

by Goemeone Moseki

Since July 2023, The department embarked on the review of the Organisational Structure as per the resolution taken at the HR Lekgotla held on April 2023. The Team successfully completed the last leg of Organisational Structure review awareness campaign at the Sol Plaatjie Secondary School.

The Organisational Structure Review awareness campaigns started last year with the Acting Superintendent General meeting accompanied by DDG's and Chief Directors with leadership of Trade Unions on 30 November 2023. Workshops on the structure will be provided to Union Leadership to facilitate information sharing and informed contribution. This was followed by districts roadshows conducted as follows:

- 11 Dec 2023 - Dr Kenneth Kaunda at Potchefstroom Boys High
- 12 Dec 2023 – Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati at Vryburg Preparatory School
- 15 January 2024 - Bojanala - 1st at Waterkloof Hill School
- 24 JanuAary 2024 - Bojanala - 2nd at Wagpos Agricultural School
- 25 January 2024 - NMM at Sol Plaatjie Secondary School
- 31 January 2024 - Corporate at Sol Plaatjie Secondary School.

District roadshows were graced by the presence of Mr Daliwonga Nhlabathi, Mr Benny Monale, Mr Simon Montjane and Ms Pauline Mokhutle who made opening remarks, clarified inputs and garnered employee support for the project.

The Districts presentations focussed on the minimum districts staffing norms emanating from the Amended Policy on the Organisation, Roles and Responsibility of Education Districts. Districts appreciated the consultation and emphasized the need to resource districts to carry the ever-increasing workload.

The Acting Chief Director for HRM&D, Ms Marubini Lukhaimane emphasised the fact that, “the Education District Norms are not replacing the structure but strengthening it”. Furthermore, employees understanding, involvement and participation is fundamental to the success of the Organisational Structure Review Project.





As part of the way forward, inputs from all components were encouraged until February 2024 to Director OD & HR Planning, Ms. Grace Joseph directly to her email: gjoseph@nwpg.gov.za and copy Chief Directorate and Districts Technical Task Team representatives. This is to ensure that all employees' contributions to the structure are considered from all levels of work in the department. Following which, all inputs received will be analysed in terms of identifying priority posts that needs to be filled urgently as well as looking at the affordability.

Mr Omphile Motang and Mr Sello Ramong presented Matching and Placing of employees in excess in Districts and Corporate, which will take place in February 2024. A list of vacant posts will be made available guide this critical process. They were also reminded to provide correct information relating to their qualifications, experience and skills when completing the forms.

A meeting will all affected employees will be convened and structures established at Corporate and Districts to manage the process. Affected employees will also be consulted and supported throughout the process by Change Management, Employee Wellness, Training and Development and Human Resource Administration in terms of relocation etc. Should there be employees who wish to submit their concerns on a one-on-one basis they are also welcome to do so by sending the Change Management office email to Mr. Goemeone Moseki at mosekig@nwpg.gov.za.

The Technical Task Team chaired by the DDG Corporate Services Mr Mashao, with representation employer and employee representation will meet in February 2024 to analyse the submissions and make proposals for Phase 1 new posts then present to both the MANCO & EXCO.



Beei Provincial Task Team Conducts A Provincial Road Show

by Godfrey Seatle

A dedicated team of 10 departmental officials from Corporate and Districts were recently deployed to monitor compliance in terms of the National Basic Education Employment Initiative (BEEI) Framework formerly known as PYEI, across the province. The team started the monitoring process at Ngaka Modiri Molema on the 24-26 January 2024 followed by Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti on 29 -31 January 2024, then Dr Kenneth Kaunda from 07-09 February 2024 and concluded the road show that started at Bojanala District on the 19-21 February 2024.

The monitoring process involved a number of primary and secondary schools which were identified in each district during the road show. A total number of 45 schools were monitored at Dr RSM, 33 at Dr KK, 10 at NMM and 45 schools at Bojanala district. Those schools need to be applauded and be used as a benchmarking to improve other schools in the province" said the Provincial PYEI Coordinator, Dr Carol Letshabo. The face to face engagement with those schools was scheduled to check, amongst others, the proper filing system and the entire management of the BEEI program in schools as well as performance appraisal of the BEEI beneficiaries namely, the EAs and GAs.

The team was also more focused on the running of the financial allocations that were made by the department to respective schools within the district and the attendance registers that served as evidence for regular attendance/working before the BEEI employees could even be paid on a monthly basis.

That team of men and women was also tasked with the responsibility to expose schools to the audit processes to ensure compliance and upgrading of their administration key performance areas. Some of the findings during the monitoring process were that some schools are still lacking behind in terms of proper day to day management of the school and filing processes as well as being conversant with the implementation of the Framework.

Meanwhile, in other schools, the payments of stipend to the beneficiaries were not done in line with the Framework Guidelines, and that created some over and underpayment to the employed youths. In some schools the total number of employees could not tally with the allocation mandate from the department and that caused some unintended surpluses in a variety of schools. However, there is a departmental management recovery plan in place to address the issue of allocated budget surplus detected in all schools across the province.



Therefore, the department is currently busy consolidating and updating incidents report on the concluded findings during the BEEI monitoring process.

On the other side, the monitoring team explained that "We are happy to announce that the majority of the schools we engaged during the process are a good example of excellent performance in terms of school management, proper record keeping and extensive knowledge on Framework Implementation Guidelines. Those schools need to be applauded and be used as a benchmarking to improve other schools in the province" concluded the team led by the Provincial BEEI Coordinator, Dr Carol Letshabo.



Priceless Donation From Transnet

by Nonkululeko Sereo and Refiloe Motswenyane



Emmanuel Early Learning Centre in Top village, Mahikeng, has received a donation from Transnet on Valentine's day (14 February 2024). The centre starting operating back in 2012 when owner and manager Ms Nobantu Gura had just retired from her foundation phase teaching career.

The learning centre management together with the school governing body members, children, Department of Education officials (Mr Buti Chuma and his Early-Childhood Development team both at district and provincial level), ward councillor, parents, and fellow early learning centres managers came to celebrate and joyfully receive the donation.



Mr Nkoko from Transnet states that the donation is a way to empower the centres together with the children and those that are yet to come and attend at the centre. Transnet also urged stakeholders to adhere to railway and road safety. He also requested that the donation be taken well care of and to benefit the children.

The donation includes tables, chairs, wallcharts, exercise books, reading books, building blocks, moulding clay, first aid kit, seesaw and slide.

Ms Nobantu Gura, the owner and manager of Emmanuel ELC, highlighted that indeed God is with the centre just as the name of it. She thanked God for enabling Transnet to offer such an act of giving to the centre. She assures Transnet and the Department that the donation will be solely used by the children. She also pleaded with Transnet to also look into giving other early centres and schools.

Emmanuel ELC was established in 2012 by a retired foundation phase teacher, Ms Gura. The centre takes children from a year old to five years old. It is well equipped and meets the norms and standards set for early learning centres, 4 qualified practitioners, good spacing of classrooms, playground and 2 cooks. Ms Kerileng Paadi, from ECD appreciated the partnership between Transnet, the Department of Education and the early development centres.



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- Obtain information about SGB election programme
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- Avail yourself to be nominated & elected
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- Besoek jou skool
- Praat met die hoof
- Verkry inligting rakende die SBL verkiesing program
- Vra u kind gereeld uit oor enige nuus vanaf die skool oor die BL verkiesings
- Sorg dat jou persoonlike inligting by die skool op datum is
- Stel uself beskikbaar om genomineer en verkies te word tot die BL
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- Etela sekolo sa gago go kopa tshedimotsetso ka ga dithopho
- Bua le mogokgo
- Botsa ka lenaneo la dithopho tsa makgotlataolo mo sekolong sa gago
- Botsa ngwana ka ga melaetsa mabapi le dithopho
- Tihotlhomisa mme o netefatse dintlhakwadiso
- Ithaope go tlhophiwa
- Itlhophela baemedi ba ba Maleba

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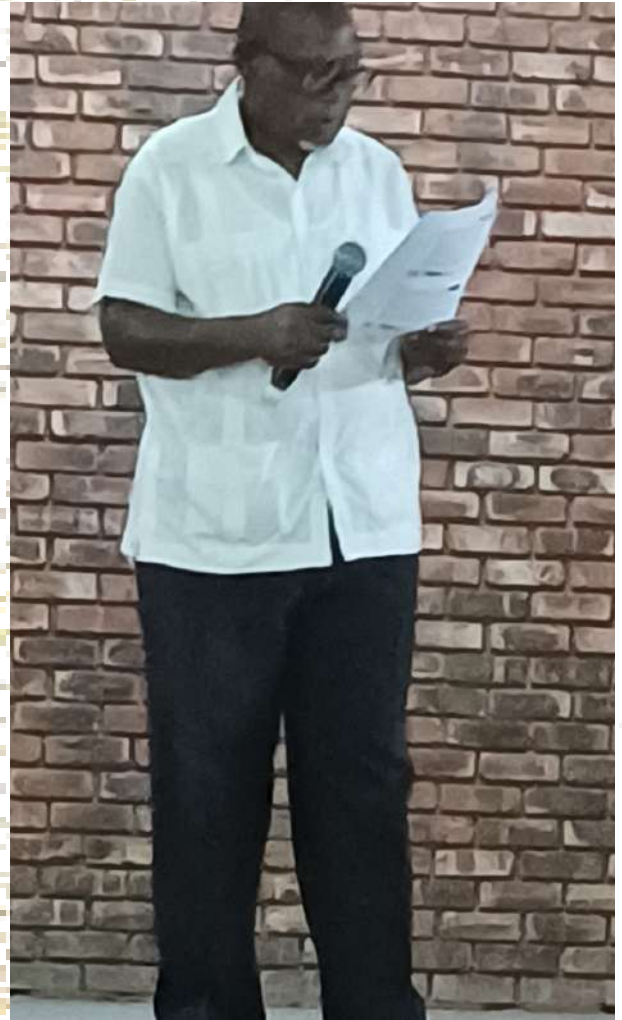
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