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North West Department of Education MEC, Viola Motsumi and Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga at Goakganya Primary School at Phasha-Maloka Village

Mokhuduthamaga Motsumi o Ribolola Lekwete la go aga Sekolopotlana sa Morokweng

By Godfrey Seatile



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the communities in Morokweng Village



MEC Viola Motsumi accompanied by the Dr. RSM District officials conducting the walk about at Morokweng Primary School

Mokhuduthamaga wa Lefapha la Thuto mo Bokone Bophirima, Mme Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi o ribolotse lekwete la go aga Sekolopotlana sa Morokweng Moranang a tlhola malatsi a le 09 mo ngwageng wa 2024. Kago ya sekolo e kgaleng e leletswe ke dipoo go tloga ka ngwaga wa 2022, e tlike gp dirwa mo motseng wa ga Kgosi Teko Hailane wa Barolong boo RraTlou, mo motseng wa Morokweng.

Lefapha la Thuto le beetse kwa thoko dimilione di feta R119 go agela baagi ba Motse wa Morokweng sekolo sa maemo a a kwa godimo .Sekolo se se solofetsweng go agiwa le go fediswa mo dikgweding di le 24, se tlike go akaretsa diphaposi di le 24, Laeaborari, Mantlwana a boithusetso a le 24, Ntlobojelo, Mabala a metshameko a basimane le basetsana, Laboratori ya dikompetara, le tse dingwe.

Mo go lona letsatsi leo, Mokhuduthamaga Motsumi o ne gape a neela baagi RraKonteraka wa Mothobi M Building Construction le Dikonsaletente tsa ASEDA ba e leng bona ba tlleng go etelela pele porojeke ya go aga Sekolo.

Mokhuduthamaga o dirile boikuelo go RraKonteraka yo o tlhomilweng go netefatsa gore o thapa baagi ba Morokweng mo porojekeng e ya

go aga sekolo. O ne a tsibosa RraKonteraka gore a thape batho go ya ka ditumalano le baagi go itsa ditlhakatlhakano tse gantsi di itemogelwang mo metseng e mengwe fa go agiwa dikolo.

Baagi ba Morokweng ba le Some a marataro (60) ba solofetswe go ungelwa mo porojekeng e ya go aga sekolo. Motsumi o ikuetse gape go baagi go efoga go emisiwa ga porojeke ka seo se ka diegisa go felelediwa ga sekolo ka nako. Porojeke ya kago ya Sekolopotlana se sa Morokweng, e solofetswe go simolola fa gautshwane. Baagi ga mmogo le Kgosi le bakhanselara ba itumeletse leano la Lefapha la go ba tlišetsa sekolo le go akanyetsa bokamoso jwa bana ba bona.

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MEC Viola Motsumi together with the leadership of Dr. RSM District conducting a Sod-Turning at Morokweng Primary School



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Minister Motshekga and MEC Motsumi handover Goakganya Primary School in Phasha–Maloka Village

by Gopolang Maseng

The Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motshekga accompanied by the North West Department of Education MEC, Viola Motsumi officially handed over Goakganya Primary School to the community of Phasha –Maloka near Klipgat on Friday, 03 May 2024.

The Phasha-Maloka project has a phenomenal investment of 44.6 million encompassing a range of essential facilities including an administrative block, Grade R classrooms block, 8x classroom blocks Science Lab Block, Nutrition Centre, Guard House, Refuse Yard, Pump Room, Boundary Fence and gate, School name Board, Signage, Ablution facilities (with new paving around them, covered walk ways, combi court and football pitch. The facility also includes paved and covered parking, food garden, landscaping, domestic and fire tanks.

In her speech, Minister Motshekga affirmed that it is an honour for her to come and handover such a splendid school to the community, not only to handover but also to ensure that learners are well nurtured in a good school as well. Minister Motshekga encouraged parents to protect the infrastructure by ensuring that it is clean, protected and should be treated as the most valuable community asset.

Minister Motshekga formally praised the contractor, Continental Engineering for their exceptional commitment to community engagements and contributing to the growth of 33 SMME's. The handing over of the school is part of the implementation stage of 10 point plans by the South African government which was introduced when the current administration took over government five years ago.

As part of the plan, the government came with strategic plans that will strengthen the quality of education in South Africa as many learners were dropping out due to circumstances that were beyond their control. School uniform, school fees, hunger, monthly periods, dilapidated infrastructures were highlighted by the minister as contributing factors that led to the reduction of school attendance. The 10 point plans ensured that all learners have the right to basic education as their constitutional right.



A block of classrooms handed over by Minister Motshekga and MEC Motsumi



MEC Viola Motsumi and Minister Angie Motshekga cutting the ribbon at Goakganya Primary School in Phasha –Maloka Village

This system led to the birth of the National School Nutritional Programme (NSNP) that is ensuring that 9.6 million learners are being served with breakfast and lunch in schools. “The total amount of 9 billion is been spent by our government to feed 9.6 million learners on daily basis. All Learners in Quintal 1 to 3 schools are receiving free education”.

“Quality Learning & Teaching Campaign should also open the doors of learning. Learners shouldn't be demoralized by unprofessional teachers at school instead, they should find teachers who are well trained and well educated”, added Minister Motshekga.

Expressing her gratitude, MEC for Education in the North West, Viola Motsumi, said, “**Goakganya Primary School is a testament to our department's commitment to providing quality educational facilities for all learners in the North West. This school will provide a stimulating and conducive learning environment for our children. I also applaud the community members for volunteering to look after the school. This is parental involvement at its best and we wish to witness it in all our schools**”, Motsumi concluded.

This handover of Goakganya in Phasha Maloka signifies a considerable step forward in ensuring access to quality education for all learners in a conducive learning and teaching environment.

Handover of Relebogile Primary School

by Nonkululeko Sereo

As the country was celebrating Workers day on the 01 May, the North West Department of Education was handing over Relebogile Primary School in Swartdam Village, Bojanala district. The MEC for Education, Mrs ntsetsao Viola Motsumi, expressed that she was happy with the quality work done by Ukuza Consulting PTY LTD and Shikwinya Building Construction.

MEC Motsumi announced that since her arrival in the Department, it is for the first time she saw a contractor delivering the project before the set completion date. Relebogile Primary School construction started in April 2023 and was expected to end in June 2024 however, it was completed by April 2024.

The department of education in the North West spent more than 10million to build a decent school for the community of Swartdam, in Moretele Local Municipality. The new school consists of an administration block, nine classrooms that can accommodate 360 learners, library, science lab, NSNP kitchen and dining hall.

Joining the school staff receiving the school was two former retired principals Mrs Mathope and Mrs Makola, district and local municipality mayors, MMCs and councilors of Moretele. Teaching and learning commenced in the newly built school effecting from the 06th May 2024. The learners kept the guests entertained with praise poem and freestyle dancing.



Centre: MEC Viola Motsumi flanked by former school principals of Relebogile Primary School



Parents who attended the handover event



A block of classrooms at Relebogile Primary School

North West Department Education hosted the Education Lekgotla

by Nonkoluleko Sereo

The North West Department of Education in its efforts of strengthening working relations with the private sector held a successful Education Lekgotla with Deputy Minister of Basic Education Dr Makgabo Reginah Mhaule and key stakeholders at Sun City Resort, Bojanala District on 29 April 2024.

The department held the Education Lekgotla under the theme, "Strengthening and Reaffirming Progressive Partnerships in the North West Department of Education: Towards Quality Basic Education".

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi announced that the gathering was to mobilize new support from stakeholders and also appreciate those that are positively assisting the education sector. MEC Motsumi indicated that the budget that the department receives annually is not enough to cover all the needs of the department.

The stakeholders were shown the challenges that the department, particularly in schools, is facing in

terms of curriculum and infrastructure. MEC Motsumi expressed that any resources that the stakeholders come forward with will be greatly appreciated and welcomed.

The Deputy Minister for the Department of Basic Education, Dr Reginah Mhaule emphasized on the importance of improving inter-stakeholder relations. She also thanked the businesses and mines for the state of the art schools that they have built for the department.

"Let me take this special moment to appreciate all the efforts from the private sector. Your efforts do not go unrecognized, as a sector we are extremely grateful. It is true that education is a societal matter, it takes a village to raise a child", said Dr Mhaule.

The Department of Education hopes that the engagement with stakeholders will go beyond the Lekgotla. Remember, investing in education is investing in the future!



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the audience during the Education Lekgotla held in Sun City



Business Stakeholders who attended the Education Lekgotla at Suncity



Deputy Minister for DBE, Dr Reginah Mhaule addressing the audience during the Education Lekgotla held in Sun City

NW Education conducting Sod-Turning for Batho-Batho Primary School in Mareetsane Village

by Godfrey Seattle

Viola Motsumi MEC for Education, in the North West Province conducted a sod turning ceremony on the 17th April 2024 at Batho-Batho Primary School in Mareetsane Village to deliver a new school to the Community. The MEC was also officially introducing the Contractors, Consultants and Engineering team to the Community.

The department brought the contractors who will build a school for the community in Mareetsane on the 19th October 2023. The construction project is expected to be completed in July 2025 and has benefited 29 Mareetsane Community members so far. The budget allocated to complete the project is estimated at more than R53million.

MEC Viola Motsumi announced that the newly built school will consist of 16 classrooms, three of which will be for Grade R learners, a guard house -for security reasons, Kitchen and Dining Hall -to enable learners to eat in a decent place, Admin Block, Soccer Pitch, Netball Court, etc. Motsumi pleaded with the community to take care of the school, to support and respect teachers as the community.

She also cautions the contractors that they must provide a quality school to the Community to avoid uncertainty and mistrust throughout the process. MEC Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi assured Kgosi Motshegare and the Community that she will meet with them at the official handover of the school that is expected to take place, next year (July 2025).



The construction board unveiled by MEC Motsumi and Mayor for Ratlou Local Municipality Matlhomola Jafta



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the guests who attended the Sod - Turning Ceremony



MEC Viola Motsumi, Mayor for Ratlou Local Municipality, Matlhomola Jafta and the councillors of Ratlou Local Municipality conducting the Sod-Turning



The Mareetsane community that attended the Sod-Turning ceremony

Handover of school shoes and sanitary towels at Dingake Primary School

By Oratile Mogodi

Giving back to the community sometimes means bringing people together and working as a team towards achieving a certain goal.

This is what Mr Josiah Rammushi together with his team showed when they decided to give back to the community that he used to be part of from the year 1992 to 2002.

When Mr Rammushi became part of Dingake Primary school in 1992 he realised that there were some learners who were more disadvantaged than the others, where some did not have appropriate school shoes.

This is the main reason why he decided to come back to the same school years later to give learners who come from disadvantaged backgrounds shoes in order to elevate their dignity.



Departmental Officials who attended the event

With the assistance of L&B Thusa Setshaba Foundation, Credit Guarantee which is a member of the Old Mutual and Spar Mahikeng 202 out of 562 learners were able to benefit from this initiative. A total 175 and 40 school shoes from Credit Guarantee and L&B Thusa Setshaba foundation respectively were given to beneficiaries on the 12th of April 2024 in Verdwaal, in Ngaka Modiri Molema districts.

Mr Rammushi thanked everyone who made sure that this initiative came to live and urged parents as well as learners to protect their school and ensure that it is not vandalised in any way.

In closing, the principal of Dingake Primary, Mr Ledwaba thanked Mr Rammushi, the North West



Josiah Rammushi (Former School Teacher) the man behind the project

department of education as well as everyone who contributed to the initiative

This remarkable event was attended by the former principal of the school Ms Ramagaga, Ms Gwarai the former deputy principal, Ms Rampete from the office of the MEC, Ms Phala and Mr Itumeleng Mokae.



Shoes donated to the learners

Minister Nzimande handing over a Media Lab and conducts Sod – Turning in North West province

by Tshegofatso Molopyane

The Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation Professor Blade Nzimande in his efforts of improving education in the North West province conducted a handover and Sod - Turning at Ottosdal Township under Tswaing Local Municipality on 29 April 2024.

The Sod turning was conducted at Realeka Secondary school, wherein Minister Nzimande donated a science lab in the hope of producing future scientists, engineers and doctors. Realeka Secondary has been recognized for its consistency in producing quality matric results in the previous years. The project with a budget of 3,5 million will start as soon as possible and it will be completed by November 2024.

The handover of the Media Lab was held at Naledi Primary School. The Media lab has the state of the art equipment, smart screen, 40 computers, fast internet and it is empowered by solar energy. The container can accommodate 40 learners and the principal is willing to assist other learners from neighboring schools.

Minister Blade Nzimande in his key note address appreciated the school principals and educators for their hard work. "Our school principals and educators are foing a sterling work in different schools. They are the ones who shapes the behavior of learners from an early age. What a way to celebrate 30 years of freedom" said the Minister Nzimande. He encouraged learners to study Maths and Science and also to utilize the support from government.

Kgosi Jeff Molete rendered a vote of thanks and indicated that the media labs include state of the art equipment's and further pleaded with community members to take care of them. The day was filled with activities and performances by the learners; traditional



Kgosi Jeff Molete, Minister Blade Nzimande, MEC Madoda Sambatha and Provincial leaders conducting the Sod-Turning



The Science Lab building donated by Minister Blade Nzimande at Realeka Primary School

NW Education delivers assistive devices and receives school renovations in Kgosi Kebalepile and Setumo Secondary Schools

by Elias Malindi

The North West Department of Education delivered on its commitment to improving the lives of learners with disabilities through the Thuntsa Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery Programme held on Friday, 12 April 2024.

The Department handed over four specialized seating and communication devices valued at R95 000 to Oratile Semunza Disability Centre in Makhubung near Mahikeng. These devices will provide essential support for learners with severe to profound intellectual impairments.

“Our learners with disabilities deserve the same opportunities to thrive in a safe and supportive learning environment. These specialized seating devices will make a significant difference in the lives of these learners, allowing them to participate more actively in their education”, says NW Education MEC, Viola Motsumi.

In a separate development, the North West Gambling Board, under the Department of Economic Development, Environment, Conversation, and Tourism (DEDECT) announced major renovations for two schools in Mafikeng. The two schools- Kgosi Kebalepile Secondary School in Montshia and Setumo Secondary School in Majemantsho will undergo phased renovations aimed at improving their infrastructure before winter.

“As winter ttapproaches, it is crucial for our learners to have warm and conducive learning spaces,” said Mr. Nareen Pillay, Chief Director of the North West Gold Rush. **“We will be replacing doors, windows, and roofs, and fixing ablution facilities based on the specific needs of each school.”**



The Social Cluster MECs in the Middle: MEC for Health, Madoda Sambatha, MEC for ACSR, Kenetswe Mosenogi, flanked by the Head of Departments for Education and Social Development, beneficiaries from Oratile Semunza Disability Centre and departmental officials

The exact cost of the renovations is yet to be determined according to each school's identified needs.

The Social Cluster also conducted an oversight inspection at DP Kgetleng Primary School in Mafikeng, which is undergoing extensive renovations encompassing all classrooms and the construction of a new block for additional classes and an administration block.

These initiatives by the North West Department of Education and the North West Gambling Board demonstrate a shared commitment to providing learners with the resources and infrastructure they need to succeed.

The Thuntsa Lerole Programme directly improves the lives of learners with disabilities, while the school renovations ensure a safe and comfortable learning environment for all learners during the colder months.

The Kgosi Kebalepile Secondary School in Montshia and Setumo Secondary School in Majemantsho received commitments for major renovations from the agency of the Department of Economic Development called Gambling Board. Both schools will be fully renovated in different phases until they are completed.

The Chief Executive Officer for the North West Gambling Board, Mr Nareen Pillay highlighted that since winter is approaching, learners need to be taught in a warm place.

“We can see that winter is approaching and our learners will be affected by the cold. Therefore, we will replace the doors, windows, roof and fix the ablution facilities of the school. At the moment we don't have specific costs for the renovations, we will fix them based on the need at the school”, said Nareen Pillay.

The Department of Arts, Culture, Recreation and Sports donated sporting kits to Onkgopotse Tiro Technical, Batswana Commercial, Slurry Primary, Phakisa Primary and Melorana Primary Schools.

The sports kits consist of; volleyball Quick set, volleyball balls, netball balls, soccer balls, Morabaraba board and tokens and Kgati ropes.



Middle: MEC Tsotso Tlhapi, MEC Madoda Sambatha and MEC Kenetswe Mosenogi together with the different departmental officials at Kgosi Kebalepile Secondary School



The Social Cluster MECs visited D.P. Kgotleng to monitor construction progress of DP Kgotleng Primary School

Sod Turning for the long awaited Sweizer - Reneke Primary School

by Refiloe Motswenyane

Department of Education under the leadership of MEC Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi held a sod-turning ceremony in Ipelegeng location Extension 4 in Sweizer Reneke, Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati on the 4th of April 2024.

The aim of the Sod turning ceremony was to start a new construction of Sweizer-reneke Primary School after the parents of the learners complained that their kids are travelling long distance to attend school at Ext 8 & 9. The construction company is Rendeals Four Consulting. The building of the School will benefit about 1500 learners and create new job opportunities for Teachers and General workers. The project has already benefitted 65 people from the community.

The project will benefit community members of Ipelegeng location and the sub-contractor will have to be one of the community member, said MEC Motsumi. Furthermore, MEC pleaded with the community not to interrupt the building of the school and councillors should convene meeting with the community members to check their needs and make sure that there is ABET school at Mamusa municipality so that learners can return back to schools. Sweizereneke Primary School is going to have 21 classrooms, science lab, multipurpose centre, hall, NSNP kitchen, netball court and soccer pitch.



Middle: MEC Viola Motsumi and Mayor for Mamusa, Cllr Mittah Chelechele flanked by councillors and departmental officials conducting Sod-Turning ceremony at Ipelegeng Township



Middle: MEC Viola Motsumi and Mayor for Mamusa, Cllr Mittah Chelechele, councillors and departmental officials conducting the Sod-turning



Middle: Members of the community who attended the Sod-Turnig ceremony as Ipelegeng Township



Middle: Construction Board unveiled by MEC Viola Motsumi

Ramotshere Secondary School learner showcases her talent in USA

By Tshogfatso Molopyane

Keamogetse Precious Monnana, a Grade 12 learner from Ramotshere Secondary School in Dinokana near Zeerust under Ngaka Modiri Molema District is one of the participants of Eskom Expo and she has been chosen to showcase her talent in the United States of America as her project "Improving retail security using metallic barcoding system" puzzled the judges. She jetted off to the United State of America on Saturday, 11 May 2024.

Her innovative project will assist the retail businesses with advanced security measures. She is amongst the more than 1600 young scientists from around the world.

Keamogetse began her journey in 2022 with the project, "Automated bell". With that project she won up to the Reginal level. She won a gold medal, best female project, best innovative project. She was so invested in the young scientists expo, which in 2023 she challenged herself and entered again. The project was recognised and won a gold medal, best

engineering project and she gained herself an opportunity to participate Nationally at the International Science Fair.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi congratulated Keamogetswe.

"On behalf of the entire department we are extremely proud of Keamogetswe. This achievement clearly shows that your background cannot determine your destination. Whoever expected that a young girl from the village can compete with the learners of the world. Keamogetswe will be a good motivation to many learners across the province that "nothing is impossible, if you put all your efforts to it", said MEC Motsumi.

Keamogetswe on the 19 May 2024 on her return at O.R. Tambo International Airport received a heroic welcome by her parents and her school community.



Middle: Keamogetse Precious Monnana after winning the South African Eskom Expo was chosen to showcase her talent in USA



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NW Education celebrating Human Rights Day through Arts

by Nonkululeko Sereo

The North West Department of Education during the month of March celebrated Human Rights by hosting the Gala Event under the theme of "Human Rights Day Thru the Arts". The Human Rights celebration was held at Mmabatho Palms in Ngaka Modiri Molema.

The aim was to celebrate the work of the learners through art in line with national standards and identity. In order to celebrate the learners, Acting Superintendent General, Prince Masilo, Deputy-Director General, Buti Chuma, Director in the Office of the MEC, Tumiso Keoagile, and Director Employee Health and Wellness Program, Kenalemang Menong attended the Human Rights celebration.

The learners had a competition under the Race and Values Sub-Directorate where there were categories to write essays, poems and drawing. Learners who obtained position 1, 2 and 3 from the Provincial competition were in attendance to receive awards for their outstanding work done.

Acting Superintendent General, Prince Masilo and Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign Coordinator Lesego Rampete acknowledged the advocacy of human rights in the art style. They were also impressed by the learners from special schools who were also involved in the competition. Mr Masilo stated that the department will look into having full art schools for the creative learners in the province.

Acting Director for Learner Social Support Services, Lucy Tong and Chief Education Specialist Mr Raymond Mofolo urged special schools with no grades, white dominated schools and schools in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati to partake in this competition.

The winners from the competition according to categories were as follows:

Foundation Phase (Drawing South African Flag) – Damane Olwethu from Laerskool in Dr Kenneth Kaunda

Intermediate Phase (Poem about SA) – Bole Gomolemo from Kanana Primary School in Dr Kenneth Kaunda

Senior Phase (Education, Religion and Speech) – Serole Onalenna from Makuka Secondary School in Bojanala

Special School (Draw Mr Cyril Ramaphosa) – Ngobeni Katlego from Obed More Special School in Bojanala FET Phase English (Violations of living in a safe and healthy SA) – Moreba Joyce from Makuka Secondary School in Bojanala

FET Phase Setswana – Lencwe Tshupo from BA Seobi Secondary School in Dr Kenneth Kaunda

Special School (Draw North West Coat of Arms) – Simango Karabo from Obed More Special School in Bojanala



Departmental officials who attended the Human Rights day event



Learners from different schools who attended the Human Rights Day event

Take a Child to Work Campaign

By Dorah Brander



Staff from the Office of the MEC and the learners who participated in the "Take a child to work"



Staff from the Superintendent General Office together with the learners who took part in the "Take a child to work campaign"

The North West Department of Education through the Special Programmes Unit hosted forty (40) learners doing Grade 8 – Grade 11, from schools within the Ngaka Modiri Molema District, on the 9 – 10 May 2024 at their Head Office in Mafikeng as part of the Take a Child to Work Campaign.

Through the Departmental Collaboration, 20 learners were placed at the Department of Human Settlements for the 2 days. In adhering to the principles of Inclusion and Diversity, learners with Disabilities from Tlamelang Special School participated.

The "Take a Child to work campaign" is an annual corporate social investment event, which is commemorated during the May month in South Africa since 2003. The programme entails Corporates/Government Departments hosting girl and boy learners doing Grade 8 - 11 from disadvantaged backgrounds, placing them at workstations and allocating them mentors. This process then enables each child to spend the day experiencing the world of work and various career paths at their most practical levels, on the last Thursday of May.

In South Africa, Gender based violence is a pandemic that impedes girls and women's rights, thus limiting their educational outcomes. Despite the immense legislative progress, many women and girls in South Africa suffer gender inequality in many forms, from skewed family household and caring chores, high girl - learner drop-out rates due to pregnancy, some harmful traditional and religious practices, e.g. early marriages. All these social ills disrupt their educational trajectory, thus putting them on a downward spiral of poverty into adulthood.

The adverse consequences range from inability to find an appropriate job due to lack of skills, limited to non-existent economic empowerment, to under/unemployment. A campaign like Take a Girl Child to Work Day is aimed at changing this situation for the better. In the same vein, boys are constantly exposed by the department to a myriad of vulnerabilities, ranging from risky behavior, peer pressure, toxic masculinity and toxic heroism, gangsterism and experimenting tendencies with dangerous substances.

The North West Department Of Education MEC, Viola Motsumi emphasized that this programme is aimed at exposing learners to different careers.

"The objective for exposing both girl learners in particular to such opportunities is to inspire them to dream big and aspire for greatness in whichever future careers they would like to pursue. This initiative directly responds to Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 4, which advocates for access to quality education, and Sustainable Development Goal 5 that advocates for Gender equality, and Pillar 5 of the National Strategic Plan on GBV+F "Economic power".

"Access to quality public education as a universal right is enshrined in our South African Constitution. The campaign is also in line with our South African Constitutional Mandate for the protection of children as a vulnerable focal group. In 2024 Child Protection Week (29 May – 5 June 2024) is guided by theme: "Every Conversation Matters", said MEC Motsumi.

Rebaone Manoe a Grade 11 learner from J.M. Lekgetha in Boikhetso Township near Lichtenburg who participated in the Take a girl child programme, highlighted that in future she would be interested to pursue a career in Supply Chain Management.

Dinokana Community receives a Brand New School!

By Godfrey Seattle

The Community of Dinokana and the neighbouring villages witnessed a handover of a beautiful school on the 15th of May 2024, from the North West Department of Education. The newly built school of Monnamere Primary was officially handed over to the Community by the MEC for Education, Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi.

The brand-new school was built to offer a conducive learning environment for the learners in and around Dinokana Village near Zeerust in ward 11 of Ramotshere Moilao Local Municipality. The state of the Art School was built to replace the old structure that has already been demolished and the site for the old school will be utilised to build the sporting facilities for the learners to participate in extra mural activities, regularly.

The budget allocation for the whole project was estimated at R131.8 million. The project started in 2021 with Development Bank of South Africa appointed as the implementing agent. The building of the new Monnamere Primary School comprised of 21 classrooms, 3 Grade R classrooms, an administration block, a science laborato-

ry, a computer laboratory, a multipurpose hall, a tuck shop, a library, a guard house, covered walkways, a soccer field, combo courts, waterborne sanitation facilities, a perimeter fence with an access gate, and ample parking.

The MEC for Education, Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi expressed her commitment and gratitude to deliver services to the North West Communities, during the handover ceremony. She pleaded with the community to take care of the school and ensure that it becomes a generational treasure to the people of Dinokana and the surrounding villages. She also expressed her happiness to note that the building of the school created job opportunities for some of the community members. A total number of 260 people were employed during the project construction period, which amongst other included Women, Youth and SMMEs.



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the Dinokana community during the handover of Dinokana Primary School



Combi court for the learners



Hoisting of the flag by SAPS



Grade R Block at Monnamere Primary School in Dinokana Village

Mankuroane Technical and Commercial School held SGB Elections

by Godfrey Seattle

Mankuroane Technical and Commercial School in Greater Taung held a successful School Governing Body (SGB) elections on the 19 March 2024.

The elections that were earlier postponed due to low rate of attendance by community members was completed and rendered free and fair by all members involved during the second round including the appointed School Electoral Officer, Ms Ntshadi Gasebusegape.

A total number of ten community members were nominated for elections and only nine qualified after the final voting process. The nine members who were confirmed as a new SGB committee at Mankuroane Secondary school will meet with the school principal recently to nominate leaders of the body amongst them-

ves and proceeded with the new responsibilities for the whole term of office.

The newly elected members (four men and five women) are expected to provide effective management and governance in the school for a period of full three years. Amongst other responsibilities the team is expected to administer the school's property, buildings and grounds as well as making recommendations regarding the appointment of educators in the school. Most importantly, they will also deal with conflict resolutions and ensure proper financial management in the school.

The elected members were namely; Kenaleone Mogamisi, Baphuti Lizzy, Katlego Digane, Mankabane Pelonomi, Seokwang Goitsemang, Mohapi Refilwe, Gaotilwe Nozuko, Thoteng Kopano, Sebitleane Kgalalelo and Kgetshane Kelebogile.



Parents voting during the SGB elections



A newly elected SGB committee for the Mankuroane Technical and Commercial School



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Saruchera Primary School handed over to the community of Huhudi, Extension 25

By Bayanda Zenzile

The 03rd of April 2024 marked a significant milestone for the North West province at the inauguration of the state-of-the-art Saruchera Primary School in Huhudi, Vryburg. The Acting Premier Dunile Nono Maloyi, alongside Education MEC Viola Motsumi, officially opened the doors of the remarkable educational institution at Huhudi Township, in Vryburg.

Under the steadfast guidance of Education MEC Viola Motsumi, the construction of Saruchera Primary School has been constructed since 2020 with an investment exceeding R80 million.

This monumental effort underscores our unwavering commitment to providing quality education infrastructure to our communities.

Housing 1 400 learners, Saruchera Primary School boasts 24 modern classrooms, an administrative block, library, soccer pitch, two combo courts, tuck shop, guardhouse, and a multipurpose hall amongst other facilities.

The school itself honours the legacy of Mr. Saruchera, an educational pioneer in Vryburg and former principal of John Frylinck Secondary School.

MEC Motsumi extends a heartfelt plea to the community to cherish and take ownership of this school.

“It is not merely a building but a beacon of hope and opportunity for generations to come. Together, let us nurture an environment where every child can thrive and excel”, Motsumi expressed.

Motsumi further highlights the economic needs met during the construction of the school.

“I wish to state that the construction of Saruchera Primary School has provided invaluable economic opportunities for local residents, contributing to the upliftment of the community and fostering sustainable growth”, Motsumi added.

Saruchera Primary portrays collective commitment to education and the betterment of our society.



The Acting Premier, Nono Maloyi and MEC Viola Motsumi unveiling the plaque during the hand over of Saruchera Secondary School



A member of the South African Police Service hoisting the flag during the Saruchera Secondary School handover



Acting Premier, Nono Maloyi and MEC Viola Motsumi observing the hoisting of the flag at Saruchera Secondary School

NW Education officially launched SGB Elections

by Nonkululeko Sereo

The MEC for North West Department of Education Ntsetsao Motsumi officially launched the 2024 School Governing Body elections on Friday, 23 February 2024 at Victory Primary School, Mahikeng. The 2024 SGB elections will be the 10th elections since 1997. SGBs are elected every three years, according to the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act 84 of 1996).

A total number of 3000 people attended the official SGB launch by MEC Ntsetsao Viola - Motsumi.

“We are gathered here to officially launch the SGB elections that will commence from the 1st of March until 31st March 2024 in the North West province. Everyone is encouraged to take part in the upcoming elections to promote better governance and support to our schools throughout the province.” stated Motsumi.

MEC Motsumi apologised to the outgoing SGB members for not having one on one interaction session with them as she did with departmental officials and school principals. However, she pledged to interact with the incoming SGB members and offer the necessary support.

She thanked all the SGB members for their efforts and contribution to promote the spir-

it of bettering the system. She also expressed her believe that the incoming SGB members will continue with good work that the previous SGB members have been doing.

Ms Tumi Moeng, Chief Education Specialist from Institutional Development Services urges parents to be involved in the elections and have a fair transparent process. She adds that this is also an opportunity for parents to partake in schools' governance.

MEC Motsumi was joined by acting superintendent general Mr Prince Masilo, departmental officials' majority being those from the Institutional Development Services Directorate, district directors, principals, outgoing SGB members, SGB associations, teacher unions and principal association that gave messages of support.



Departmental officials demonstrating to the audience on how the elections will be conducted



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the audience during the launch of the SGB Elections held at Victory Primary School



MEC Viola Motsumi flanked by the Director for Support Staff in the Office of the MEC, Tumiso Keoagile and Deputy Director General, Prince Masilo

MEC Motsumi introduced a Contractor to replace the blown off roof at Gabonewe Secondary School

By: Lesole Seakgwa

The North West Department of Education MEC, Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi introduced the contractor who was going to replace the roof of Gabonewe Secondary School in Madikwe after the school was hit by the heavy storm last year.

On Tuesday, 30 April 2024 MEC Motsumi accompanied by the Mayor of Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Councilor Nketu Nkotswe both presented the contractor to the school community. At the beginning of the year, MEC Motsumi promised the community that the department will appoint a contractor to renovate the school following the storm damage.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi indicated that the government is fulfilling the promise they made at the beginning of the year.

"Today it gives me a great pleasure to come back to this community and introduce the contractor who is going to replace the school roof. As the department, we have been aware about the difficult situation experienced by both the educators and the learners. Our primary objective as the Department of Education is to provide quality education in a conducive learning environment. Therefore, the introduction of this contractor will ensure everyone is safe.

"We also provided mobile classrooms to the school to allow teaching and learning not to be affected as the school was damaged by the storm. I really want to appreciate the patience of the community, for allowing us to conclude the procurement process of appointing the contractor", said MEC Motsumi.

Closing her response the MEC pleaded with the community not to disrupt the project because if the project takes longer than stipulated time, which is 6 months, it will take more than the projected budget.

The Mayor for Moses Kotane Local Municipality, Councilor Nketu Nkotswe thanking everyone in attendance and specifically thanked the department for the enthusiasm shown in taking care of an African child. "Indeed it is true the government of the day cares for its people", said Councilor Nkotswe.



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the parents who attended the meeting to introduce the contractor at Gabonewe Secondary School in Madikwe Township



A block of classrooms which were affected by the storm



Parents of learners who attended the meeting to introduce the contractor

Ngaka Modiri Molema District held South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) music competition

By Tshogfatso Mnisi

The Education Sector at this period of the year normally is regarded as a season for music competition across the department nationally. During the May month different districts held the District eliminations and the Ngaka Modiri Molema District held their selection from the 16 to 18 May 2024. The District South African School Choral Eisteddfod (SASCE) competitions took place at Victory Primary School Hall in Mafikeng for both primary and secondary schools.

From the sixty-seven schools (67) which took part in the competition; Fifteen (15) schools comprising of nine (9) primary schools and six (6) secondary schools have made it to the provincial competitions. Schools which obtained position one (1) in the District and will be participating at the Provincial Level are as follows:

Primary Schools

Malebogo, Connie Minchin, Ratlou, Sesupo, Realeboga, Zoonhuis, Motlhabane, Ipeleng and Dikakanyo.

Secondary Schools

Kebonang, Mmabatho, Batswana, Ramotshere, Setilo and Tlamelang Special School

In assessing and confirming performance of the schools, the Adjudicators gave advices to the conductors on the technicalities and techniques that they can use to improve their level of performance.

In attendance to support the event, it was the Chief Education Specialist for Curriculum, Ms E. Lesetedi, the Deputy Director for Financial Management System, Ms K.E Motsumai, Circuit Managers, Senior Education Specialists and District Officials. The educators, SGB and parents also came in numbers to support the learners.

Provincial Schools Choral Eisteddfod competition will take place from 18 - 20 July 2024.

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School choir performing for the audience during SASCE music competition



School choir performing for the audience during SASCE music competition



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"Let's Grow North West Together"

Exposing the Girl Learner to different careers

by Nonkululeko Sereo

The Special Programmes Unit under the leadership of Ms Dora Brander has gathered girl learners from Madibeng Local Municipality (Bojanala District) for a career exposure, on the 15th May 2024. However, the boy learners did not want to be left behind. Therefore, about 230 learners from Thuto Pele High, Ntolo Secondary, Micheal Modisakeng Secondary, Mmanotshe Moduane High, Rakgatla High schools are attending the programme and approximately, 70 of them are boys.

Previous studies have shown that majority of girl learners missed schools due various reasons and eventually drop out. Ms Brander outlined that the girl learners needed to be exposed to the scarce careers that they could get in post obtaining Grade 12. The learners need not perish because of lack of knowledge hence the need to have such a programme. The careers were mainly focused on science and the fourth industrial revolution(4IR).

Representatives from North West University, South African Nuclear Energy Corporation and South African Radiation Protection Association presented on renewable energy, nuclear energy, technology and medicine, robotics, security and mining.

With such programmes, learners are motivated to stay in schools and make a successful career for themselves. The learners are in Grade 9 to Grade 11. The activity is planned to prepare them early for their future career choice.



Manager for Special Projects, Dorah Brander addressing the learners who attended the Career Expo



Learners who attended the Career Expo



A learner giving her experience about the Career Expo



Learners who attended the Career Expo

Shaping Boys to become better Men

by Nonkululeko Sereo

Botlhabelo Secondary School situated in Oukasie township in Brits is affected by the high rates of crime, gangsterism, substance abuse and learner pregnancy. The Special Programme Unit saw it fit to have a dialogue with 230 male Grade 10 learners.

Ms Dorah Brander said that the Boys Manhood Dialogue programme was conceptualised after releasing that boys are vulnerable in schools and the community they are coming from. The programme aims to address issues boy learners face and be able to express themselves with the help of professionals.

On Thursday 16 May 2024, the unit wanted to raise awareness in terms of various behavioural issues that could be barriers in future en-

deavours for these particular learners. The South African Police Services representatives together with the Community Police Forum came in numbers to address the issues of criminal behaviour, substance usage and abuse and gangsterism.

A child parole officer from the Department of Social Development was also present to make the learners aware of life as a child offender. These officials were relevant in this dialogue as the learners commit crime, use substance and are part of gangs in school. The learners engaged with the officials on all issues that affected them.



A SAPS member addressing learners on the dangers of crime



Manager for Special Projects, Dorah Brander addressing the learners who attended the dialogue with Grade 10 learners



HANDOVER AND SOD TURNING OF SCHOOLS CONDUCTED DURING THE MONTHS OF APRIL AND MAY 2024

Handover

1. Saruchera Primary School Dr RSM (Naledi)
2. Tlakgameng Primary School, Dr RSM (Kagisano Molopo)
3. Monnamere Primary School, NMM (Ramotshere Moilwa)
4. Borolelo Primary School, Bojanala (Kgetleng)
5. Goakganya Primary School, Bojanala (Moretele)
6. Relebogile Primary School, Bojanala (Moretele)
7. Ramochana Primary School, Bojanala (Rustenburg)

SOD Turning

1. Schweizer Reneke Primary School, Dr RSM (Mamusa)
2. Morokweng Primary School, Dr RSM (Kagisano Molopo)
3. Batho-Batho Primary School, NMM Maretsane (Ratlou)
4. Kagisho Barolong SS, NMM Logageng (Ratlou)



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Learner Registration

03 April 2024 – 30 Sept 2024

1. OBJECTIVES OF THE CAMPAIGN

- To allow teaching and learning on the first day.
- To assist schools to plan better.
- To avoid long queues next year.
- To assist parents to plan early for their children for the following year e.g. budget for school fees, uniforms, books, etc

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2. PARENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Parents must return application form to the school.
- Parents with unsuccessful application must seek space at alternative schools.

Undocumented children; should be registered provisionally if required documents are not readily available and give parents a maximum of 12 months after registration to submit them.

3. Documents needed for admission

- Birth certificate or certified copy of or acceptable proof of birth date (a baptismal certificate is not acceptable);
- Proof of residence;
- Immunisation card (for all primary school learners)
- Study permits for legal immigrants;
- Transfer card and last report card for learners already in school.

4. DEPARTMENTAL RESPONSIBILITIES

- Schools must inform parents about the outcome of application - successful and unsuccessful.
- Schools must inform parents with unsuccessful applications about relevant offices for alternative placement / learner registration hubs.
- Circuit managers must assist parents with alternative placement.
- Schools must register undocumented children provisionally if required documents are not readily available, and give parents a maximum of 12 months after registration to submit them.

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Learners displaying their medals during the National SASA-II Games

SPORTS GALLERY



NATIONAL SASA-II 2024 GAMES

by Nonkululeko Sereo

About 147 learners from special schools and centres in the North West province competed with other provinces from 03 to 07 April 2024 in Durban, KwaZulu-Natal province. The team got an overall position 2 amongst the other provinces.

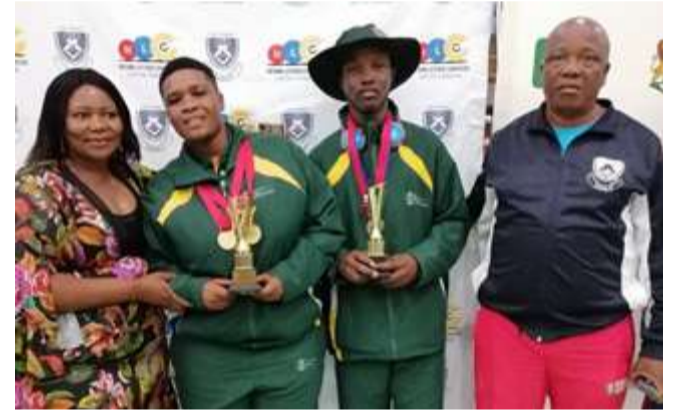
The North West team got a total of 244 medals; 86 gold, 97 silver and 61 bronze. It participated in blackball pool, cricket, hocker, indoor rowing, swimming and table tennis. Of the six categories the team played in, it was able to be the overall winners in three of them, namely; blackball pool, cricket and indoor rowing.

The best hocker player went to Bokamaso Shomong (18) from Ikalafeng Special School in Dr Kenneth Kaunda district. While Oratile -Mokaleng (20) from Lillian Leheta Special School in Ngaka Modiri Molema district was the best hocker

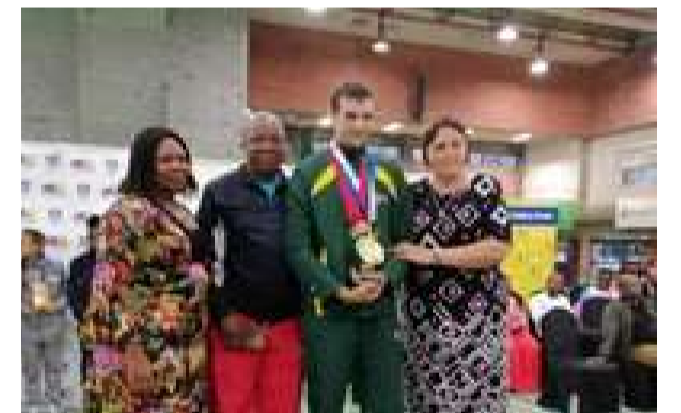
goalkeeper. Best bowler of the tournament was Gopolang Lamola (19) from Retlametswe Special School also in the Ngaka Modiri Molema district. Tiaan Keyser (19) from ES le Grange in

Dr Kenneth Kaunda was recognised as the most developed swimmer.

The North West Department of Education is proud of the performance that was displayed by the learners and wishes them well in their sporting careers.



Learners receiving their medals during the National SASA-II Games



Learners receiving their medals during the National SASA-II Games

Provincial School Athletics Championship 2024



Thebe Skoto awarding a medal to the learner



A learner participating in a Long Jump

by Nonkululeko Sereo and Oratile Mogodi

School sports is one of the most important extra curricular activities that learners are encouraged to take part in. It is for that reason that the Department of Education encourages more learners to take part in different sporting activities.

In collaboration with the Department of Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation the North West Department of Education held the school Athletic Championship on the 07th-09th of March 2024. The event took place at Potchefstroom in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District. in Potchefstroom.

Learners did a great job when it came to breaking records that were set by previous competitors. The Dr Kenneth Kaunda district proved to be the best district as they did well in High jump,

field events, relay, sprints and javelin in primary and in hurdles, sprints, javelin and shotput in the secondary schools' categories.

Keurhof Special School from Klerksdorp and Oom Paul Special School from Rustenburg outperformed others in the Learners with Special Educational Needs category on the 7th of March 2024.

Sports is indeed one activity that unite people better than anything else can. It also encourages teamwork, networking and collaboration among learners.

All learners who managed to get position one in various sporting codes proceeded to the national level on the 24-26 March, 3-6 April 2024 at Limpopo and Western Cape respectfully.