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**PROVINCIAL RELEASE OF NSC
RESULTS CLASS OF 2024**

14 JAN 2025

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during the announcement of
results, for the Class of 2024.

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TOGETHER"**



NORTH WEST 2024 NSC EXAMINATION RESULTS

**ADDRESS BY THE MEC FOR EDUCATION MRS NTSETSAO
VIOLA MOTSUMI (MPL) ON THE OCCASION OF THE RELEASE
OF THE 2024 NSC EXAMINATION RESULTS ON 14 JANUARY
2024 AT CITY ON A HILL CHURCH, MATLOSANA**

Programme Directors

Honourable Kagiso Lazarus Mokgosi, Premier of the North West Province,

Honourable Desbo Mohono, Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature,

Honourable Collen Maine, Deputy Speaker of the North West Provincial Legislature,

Honourable Motlalepule Rosho, Chief Whip of the North West Provincial Legislature,

Adv. Lutendo Netshitumbu, Secretary of the North West Provincial Legislature,

Comrade Patrick Dumile Nono Maloi, Chairperson of the ANC- North West and all leaders from the African National Congress,

Kgosi Thari Maotwe, Chairperson of the North West House of Traditional and Khoi-San Leaders,

Vice Chancellor of the North West University, Professor Bismark Tyobeka

Deputy Vice Chancellor of the North West University, Professor Sonia Swanepoel

Magosi otlhe arona aleng teng mo letsatsing la gompieno,

All Members of the Executive Council here present,

Members of the Portfolio Committee on Education, Arts, Culture, Sports and Recreation

Cllr Nikiwe Num, Executive Mayor of Dr Kenneth Kaunda District,

Cllr Fikile Mahlope, Mayor of Matlosane Local Municipality,

Councillors from various wards, local and district municipalities here present,

My beloved parents Mr and Mrs Jabanyane, and my husband Mr Rainy Motsumi - I salute you!

Mme Stephinah Mmamotho Semaswe, Former Superintendent General of the North West Department of Education,

Mr Maropene Seshibe, Acting Superintendent-General of the North West Department of Education, and all departmental officials,

Leaders from various political parties,

Leaders from trade unions and other civil society organisations,

Leaders from the religious sector,

The 2024 National Teaching Awards Winners,

All School Principals, leaders from SAPA and School Governing Bodies,

Parents of learners here present,

Our special guests, the Class of 2024,

All sponsors and representatives from the business houses,

Members of the media,

Distinguished guests, friends, comrades and compatriots,

People of North West Province,

Ladies and gentlemen,

Bagaetsho Dumelang!

Ake tseye tshono eno, go lo amogela lotlhe mo letsatsing la gompieno la boitumelo.

PREAMBLE

Programme Directors, I cannot resist but to appreciate the beauty and glamour that enrich this place of worship.

The jubilation and celebratory mood in the air are remarkable!

Ladies and gentlemen, give yourselves a round of applause - you look exceptionally stunning and vibrant!

By the way, Honourable Premier, all what we see and feel here today, is in honour and celebration of the Class of 2024 and their success story.

In addition, Honourable Premier, all this is a living confirmation that our people continue to believe in the teachings of uTata Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela that "Education is the most powerful weapon which we can use to change the world."

Imbued by these timeless words of wisdom from the founding father of our democracy, when I assumed duty as the MEC for Education for the second term in June 2024, I enjoined all staff and stakeholders in the department with the responsibility to take the department back to where it belongs, **at the top!**

INTRODUCTION

It is indeed an honour and a privilege for me to be addressing this important occasion which marks the official announcement of the results of the 2024 National Senior Certificate Examinations in the North West Province.

This occasion is held exactly three days after the African National Congress celebrated its 113th birthday at Mandela Park Stadium in Khayelitsha, Cape Town, where as part of his January 8 statement, the President of the African National Congress Comrade Matamela Cyril Ramaphosa highlighted the significance of the 70th

anniversary of the Freedom Charter, which, among others, boldly declared that “The doors of learning and culture shall be opened!”

He, however, expressed a grave concern about the persistent inequalities in education, which remain stubborn even after three decades of democracy.

He reaffirmed the ANC’s commitment to addressing these disparities through transformative laws like the BELA Act, a tool to ensure equal access to basic education.

I share the President’s conviction and belief in the BELA Act’s potential to create a more equitable basic education system that truly opens the doors of learning for all.

Ladies and gentlemen, the year 2024 was not an easy one for the North West Department of Education in particular. Unlike the preceding years, the department was confronted with many internal and external challenges, which had the potential to sway it off the rails.

But, against all odds, driven by our unshaken beliefs in serving the best interest of the child and in advancing the boundless potential of our learners, we weathered every storm and soldiered on.

Finally, we have successfully reached our destination, and that moment of eagerly awaiting the release of the 2024 NSC results is over.

Today, we are gathered here in Matlosana, **A City of the People On the Move**, to honour, recognise, and celebrate the Class of 2024 for the extraordinary achievement.

We gather to celebrate the resilience, hard work and dedication of all those involved in achieving these outstanding results.

PROFILE OF THE 2024 GRADE 12 COHORT

The Class of 2024 holds a special historic significance as a transitional Grade 12 cohort that I led from the then sixth administration to the current seventh administration.

Programme Directors, we wish to share with the people of Bokone-Bophirima that for 2024, a total of 40 575 (Forty Thousand, Five Hundred Seventy-Five) candidates sat for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) examinations.

For the record, an overwhelming majority of the candidates that made up the Class of 2024 enrolled for Grade 1 in 2013.

Technically, their results, for which we are gathered here to celebrate, are the first for the seventh administration, which took over the government in June 2024.

These results, ladies and gentlemen, may be used as a baseline for the other NSC examination results that will follow.

VALIDITY AND CREDIBILITY OF THE 2024 NSC EXAMINATION RESULTS

Ladies and gentlemen, Umalusi, our Quality Council in General and Further Education and Training, declared the 2024 NSC Examinations results as credible and fair.

OVERVIEW OF THE PROVINCIAL PERFORMANCE

Honourable Premier, ladies and gentlemen, I am thrilled to announce that the Class of 2024 obtained a spectacular pass rate of 87,52% and Position four (4) nationally.

This ground-breaking achievement represents an increase of 5,89% from 81,63% of 2023.

Ladies and gentlemen, you will agree with me that increasing the NSC pass rate by that margin and retaining position 4 is no mean feat, taking into account the tightness of the competition among the nine provinces for at least a top three (3) spot, which we missed by a percentage point.

It is not mere rhetoric when we say that for us, the game is never over until we win. We are determined to do everything in our power to reach to the top three of national NSC Examination results league table.

Nonetheless, ladies and gentlemen, this accomplishment of 87,52% matric pass rate is not only a source of pride for the province, it also indicates that the department has out-done itself as it is above the 2024/25 APP target of 87% matric pass rate.

Besides being unprecedented in the history of the province, at least in the last five years, it is a quantum leap that needs to be sustained.

Just a quick look over our shoulder, the NSC Examination results of the province during the sixth administration are as follows: In 2019, we obtained 86.8% (position 4), in 2020, we dropped to 76.0% (position 3), in 2021, we rose to 78.6% (position 4), 2022, we achieved 79.8% (position 5) and in 2023 the province attained 81,63% (position 4).

It is important to remember that the 2024 provincial matric pass rate is not the only significant figure in our records, but it is a robust sign of progress registered by our maturing provincial education system.

Needless to say, this achievement was not a coincidence and it did not happen overnight. It is a product of years of hard work, the power of collective effort, shared vision, numerous interventions and dedication, with a firm desire for quality over quantity.

To confirm this, the quality of our passes has also improved dramatically.

To start with, the Class of 2024 obtained a total of 7 901 distinctions in various subjects, excluding Life Orientation, compared to 7067 in the previous year.

The number of candidates who passed with admission to Bachelor Studies has increased to 18 279 (45,05%) from 15 059 (36,36%) of the Class of 2023. The admission to Diploma Studies has also improved to 11 455 (28,23%) compared to 11 646 (28,12%) of 2023, and to further demonstrate our sharp appetite for quality over quantity, the number of those who passed with Higher Certificate has dropped to 5 777 (14,2%) against 7 089 (17,11%) of 2023.

Another exciting improvement is demonstrated by the reduction in the number of schools that achieved below 70% pass rate - from 106 in 2022, 73 in 2023 to only 28 underperforming schools in 2024.

We are determined in our resolve to reduce the number of underperforming schools to zero in our province.

With regard to a comparison between the performance of males and females, 2024 results show the males performing better overall with 88,40%, but with lesser achievements in admission to Bachelor Studies than females who achieved 46,5 %.

It is also worth to announce that the majority of our Quintiles 1 to 3 schools performed comparatively well to the fee-paying schools.

Programme Directors, these monumental achievements are a clear indication that the government, through its pro-poor programmes such as scholar transport, National School Nutrition Programme, Sanitary Dignity Programme and PYEI, is steadily but surely closing the gap between the no-fee and fee-paying schools.

Ladies and gentlemen, the above-mentioned pro-poor policies are not politically motivated. They are critical measures that have significantly influenced both school attendance, educational equity and academic excellence.

Honourable Premier, all this success would not have been possible without the dedication and commitment of our teachers, officials, and all stakeholders. It is their relentless pursuit for excellence that has brought us here today.

Although we are not yet where we are supposed to be, specifically in terms of the pass rate and position on the NSC league table, this milestone achievement represents our resolve and potential to keep on rising to greater heights.

PERFORMANCE OF THE DISTRICTS

Now let us turn to look at a brief breakdown of the 2024 NSC Examination results per district.

It is heart-warming to announce that in 2024, all our districts have achieved over 84% pass rate as opposed to the previous years.

Ladies and gentlemen, the achievements by districts in an ascending order are as follows:

Position	District	2021	2022	2023	2024			Difference
					WROTE	PASSED	%	
4	Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti	72,9	76,79	77,16%	5 857	4 962	84,72	7,56
3	Ngaka Modiri Molema	75,2	78,37	78,97%	9 943	8 522	85,71	6,74
2	Dr Kenneth Kaunda	79,3	80,78	83,51%	7 383	6 481	87,78	4,27
1	Bojanala	81,6	81,4	84,24%	17 392	15 548	89,40	5,16

Congratulations to all District Directors and their teams for the job well done. Your tireless efforts have paid off! My special word of gratitude goes to Dr MJ Paledi, who has recently gone on pension, for consistently giving her counterparts in other district a run for their money.

LOCAL EDUCATION OFFICE PERFORMANCE

The best performing Local Education Offices are Moretele at 91,2%, followed by Rustenburg at 89.9%, and Madibeng at 89.6% as the top three.

The most improved Local Education Office is the Mamusa local education office in Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti.

We hope for a better performance from Lekwa Teemane and Kgetleng River Local Education Offices, who have respectively obtained 79,6 and 79,0%.

CIRCUIT PERFORMANCE

The best-performing circuit is Kopano Circuit in Madibeng Local Education Office with 95,70% compared to 87,14% in 2023; followed by Makapanstadt Central from Moretele Local Education Office with 95,03% and Bokamoso Circuit in Rustenburg with 94,87%.

The most improved Circuit is Meepong in Matlosana with 88,87% from 70,11% in 2023.

TOP PERFORMING CANDIDATE

Programme Directors, Honourable Premier, allow me to announce the best-performing candidate for the North West Class of 2024. This candidate obtained six distinctions. He scored 1735 marks in all subjects.

From Rustenburg High in Bojanala District, let us give a standing ovation to Johannes Jurie Blignaut - as we invite him to ascend the stage.

OVERALL PERFORMANCE OF SCHOOLS

Ladies and gentlemen, a remarkable improvement has also been realised in the overall performance of our schools.

In 2024, 44 schools achieved a 100% pass rate compared to 32 in 2023; and 358 schools obtained a pass rate of between 80 to 99% compared to 275 in 2023.

SPECIAL SCHOOLS

Focusing on Special Schools, saw seven (7) candidates in Special Schools passed with an endorsed NSC.

While on this category of schools, I am delighted to announce that two of the four Special Schools that offer the NSC, namely Christiana School for the Blind and Meerhof Special School have attained a 100% pass rate.

Ladies and gentlemen, our persistent interventions at North West Secondary School for the Deaf were not in vain. The school achieved 76,92% from 66,67% pass rate in 2023 and 0% pass of 2022.

TOP PERFORMING SCHOOLS

We have three categories of top-performing schools:

- a) highest number of subject distinctions;
- b) highest number of candidates who qualify for admission to Bachelor studies;
- c) the highest pass rate.

To accommodate the small schools, the quality categories have been split into two sub-categories, one with percentages and one with actual numbers.

In the category of Top Performing Schools based on the highest number of subject distinctions (excluding Life Orientation), in ascending order, we have -

- In Position 3, Potchefstroom High School for girls with 148 subject distinctions,
- Position 2, Potchefstroom Gimnasium with 246 subject distinctions, and
- Position 1 goes to Rustenburg High School with 279 subject distinctions.

The second category for top-performing schools are schools that achieved the most subject distinctions (80-100%), excluding Life Orientation. The percentage of distinctions achieved is calculated out of the total of possible subjects of the school.

Here we have –

- In Position 3, Ferdinand Postma with 20,40% (81) distinctions
- Position 2, Potchefstroom Gimnasium 22,10% (246) distinctions, and
- Position 1 goes to Potchefstroom Girls High with 25,43% (148).

In the third category of top-performing schools, which focuses on quality – Admission to Bachelor Degree Studies, the top three schools with the highest percentage of candidates who achieved admission to Degree Studies are:

- In Position 3, Ferdinand Postma High School with 65 candidates attaining 96,92%,
- Position 2, Stella High School with 10 candidates attaining 100%, and
- Position 1 goes to Meerhof Special School with 11 candidates obtaining 100% admission to bachelor studies.

In the same category, we have schools with the highest number of candidates who qualified for admission to Bachelor Studies; and these are:

- Position 3, Potchefstroom Gimnasium with 155 out of its 183 candidates passed with Bachelors,
- In position 2, we have B.A Seobi Secondary School with 186 out of 224 candidates attaining Bachelors, and
- Position 1 goes to Rustenburg High School where 236 of its 292 candidates passed with Bachelors.

The best performing school for 2024 is Wesvalia in Matlosana with 163 candidates, all achieving, followed by Klerksdorp High School with 155 candidates, all achieving then Wagpos in Madibeng with 153 candidates from 156 achieving a 100% pass rate.

Programme Directors, allow me at this point to advise those candidates who were not successful in the 2024 NSC examinations, not to despair. There is still hope to succeed the second time around through the Second Chance Matric Programme, which is intended to provide them with the opportunity and support to enable them to meet the requirements of the National Senior Certificate.

APPRECIATION

Programme Directors,

At this point, allow me to express my heartfelt gratitude and appreciation to:

The matric class of 2024 for their extraordinary success. After all, I am not the MEC wa ma-2000 for nothing!

The African National Congress for entrusting me with the responsibility of the Executive Authority of such a large department for the second term. The immense support I receive from the leadership and our alliance partners to ensure that I succeed in carrying out this mammoth task is amazing.

A dedicated and hardworking team of men and women at all levels of the department, guided by the Acting Superintendent-General Mr Maropene Seshibe.

All stakeholders including, but not limited to, business and mining houses, school governing bodies and their associations, the South Africa Principals Association (SAPA), retired teachers, principals and circuit managers, and organised labour unions for their continued invaluable support.

The priceless support we receive as the department from our partners and sponsors: MTN Foundation, Lebone Litho printers, Anglo American, Harmony Gold mining, SAICA, Fundi, Sparkling Waters, Maskew Miller, Shooter and Shutter, Macmillan Education, Rebone Furniture, Splintech Furniture Manufacturers, Industrial Development Cooperation (IDC), Old Mutual, Dr Khido Ramadie from North West University, Cell C, Cambridge University Press, Protea- Klerksdorp and Bon Hotel- Rustenburg, Vodacom, Sibanye Stillwater, Royal Bafokeng Institute, and Implats.

*Go bogosi jwa rona, boo bo rategang and ebile tlotlega, for your continued cooperation and support,
Baruti ba rona go re baya mo dithapelong.*

To my husband, Rre Kgotso Rainy Motsumi and my children, I am eternally thankful for your continuous support and sacrifices. In the same vein, I wish to thank my parents for their continued guidance. You remain my fountain of wisdom.

To the teachers, principals, AAs, GAs and PYEI Assistants, Team Education and my support staff led by Mr Kagiso Ntshwe. I truly appreciate your tireless efforts, the resilience you demonstrated against all odds make you remain a force to be reckoned with.

Honourable Premier, ladies and gentlemen, all was not smooth in our schools in 2024. Our communities are infested with service delivery protests, criminal elements and gangsterism, which unfortunately find manifestation in our schools and disrupt learning and teaching.

As the department, we cannot succeed in ensuring that schooling runs uninterrupted without the support and cooperation of our communities.

In that regard, last but not least, from the bottom of my heart, I wish to express my appreciation to the communities of Jouberton and Kanana in Dr Kenneth Kaunda District, in collaboration with the affected governing bodies, for their stalwart role in rescuing Are Fadimeheng, Nkang Mahlale and Mahlaleng Secondary Schools from the invasion of gangsters.

CONCLUSION

As I conclude, Programme Directors, it is fitting that I must state that as we celebrate this remarkable milestone, we should not rest on our laurels. Instead, we must continue to strive for excellence, build on this solid foundation, and ensure that from this year going forward, North West is counted among the top three performing provinces in the country.

We dare not fail or falter!

Let us continue to work together to ensure that our education system remains a beacon of excellence and of hope to change the lives of our people for the better.

Together, we can do more!

I thank you!