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The North West Department of Education held the G20 Provincial Indaba Engagement Session at Potchefstroom Girls' High School on the 6th of May, 2025.



MEC Motsumi Launches Province-wide Initiative to Boost Grade 12 Performance for Class of 2025

By Mphata Molokwane



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the School Principals and the School Governing Bodies at Fields College Combined School in Rustenburg.

In a proactive move to assess and improve the academic performance of the Grade 12 class of 2025, MEC Motsumi has convened an interactive session with school principals and School Governing Body (SGB) chairpersons at Fields College in Rustenburg. This marks the beginning of a week-long series of engagements across all districts in the province aimed at driving educational success.

During the session, MEC Motsumi emphasized the importance of early evaluation and collaboration between educators and parents. District representatives were requested to present detailed reports on circuit performance, highlighting schools and subjects that require urgent attention. **“It is critical that we identify areas where learners are struggling as early as possible so that targeted support can be provided,”** Motsumi said. She further urged principals to foster stronger parental involvement, encouraging them to actively engage parents in the educational journey of their children.

MEC Motsumi also called on ward councillors to extend their support by inviting principals to community meetings. This, she explained, would promote better intergovernmental relations and create a supportive environment for learners within their communities. **“When schools, families, and local government work together, we strengthen the foundation for our learners’ success,”** Motsumi noted.

This initiative aligns with the province’s ambitious goal to achieve a 90 percent pass rate for the Grade 12 class of 2025 by the end of the academic year. The engagements will continue throughout the week in all districts, reinforcing the commitment to quality education and improved learner outcomes.



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MEC Motsumi addresses NW Education Interns

By Godfrey Seattle & Refiloe Motswenyane



(L to R) Mr Prince Masilo (Acting Superintendent General), MEC Viola Motsumi and Mr. Kagiso Ntshwe (Director in the Office of the MEC).



Interns who attended the MEC Interaction Session.



Departmental officials who grace the MEC Interaction Session.

Mec Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi is the first Mec for the North West Department of Education to embark on a face to face meeting with all interns across the province. The MEC met with all interns from Corporate office and four Districts of the department to assure them that the Department is fully supporting them and will continue to offer them the required skills to face the world. the country as well as uplifting their skills through skills development programs of government.

Mec Motsumi pleaded with all the interns to never undermine the internship program of government because it gives them the opportunity to learn and become better placed to future employment opportunities. She expatiated that the North West Province is the highest rated province in terms of unemployment throughout the country. As a result, internship opportunity is a key to success in response to the job market in South Africa.

Mec Motsumi advised the interns to avoid participating in the social _ills like Substance abuse, alcohol, high rate of pregnancy and suicide

affecting the youth. The MEC encouraged interns to take their work seriously, respect themselves, to be obedient and always avail themselves since that character will attract job opportunities on their site. **"A bad behaviour will cost you this precious opportunity and ruin your future endeavours. Treasure this opportunity, be committed, regard yourselves as one of the luckiest, and grasp it with your two hands, remember you were the one given an opportunity,** concluded Motsumi.

The meeting took place on the 19th of February 2025 at Seasons Wedding Centre in Mafikeng, Ngaka Modiri Molema District. The event was attended by the Acting Superintendent General, Mr Prince Masilo, Director for Human Resource Utilisation and Development, Ms Marubini Lukhaimane, Director for Employee Health and Wellness, Ms Kenalemang Menong who made a presentation on Mental Health, Deputy Director for Change Management, Mr Goemeone Moseki who presented the importance of Change Management as well as Officials from the Department.

Ngaka Modiri Molema District World Read Aloud Celebration

By Karabo Dichaba

The Ngaka Modiri Molema Multimedia and library services coordinated an event in observation of world read aloud day at Ratlou Local Education Office on the 28th February 2025 at Setlagole Community Hall.

During the month of February, we celebrate World Read Aloud Day, Mother Language and Radio day hence the District hosted this prestigious event having twenty-three primary and secondary fro, Kraaiman Circuit. The main purpose of such an event is to make education more meaningful and enjoyable for learners as well as ensure that that learners read with understanding and promote their mother language.

During the event learners from grade four- nine were presenting their posters, book reviews, poems, and reading using English and Setswana

The District collaborated with the following stakeholders:

1. Seriti Institute
2. Ratlou Community Library
3. North West University
4. NECT
5. Nalli Bali
6. Redcross
7. PanSALB



Mr. Kagiso Kgantsi the SES in Multimedia Unit addressing the audience that attended the World Read Aloud Day



Learners who participated at the World Read Aloud Day.



Learners who participated at the World Read Aloud Day.



Departmental Official addressing the learners

Mec Motsumi supports Underperforming Schools in the NW Province

By Godfrey Seattle and Tshagofatso Molopyane

In partnership with MTN which is one of the key stakeholders in the department, Mec Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi met with Secondary Underperforming schools in the North West Province. The meeting was focused on secondary schools that didn't meet the Provincial pass rate target of 80-90 % in 2024. The QLTC initiated meeting took place at Sun-city in Bojanala District on the 20th of February 2025.

The main aim was to give adequate support to schools and drive the modern technology concept by assisting schools with curriculum loaded tablets donated by MTN through Back to School Activation. As part of Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign (QLTC), MTN donated 50 tablets to the underperforming school in the North West Province. Tablets donated by MTN to schools will be loaded with all subjects except African languages. The tablets will expedite the teaching and learning process in schools. Bojanala District received a donation of 8 tablets, Dr Ruth Mompoti, 12 tablets, Ngaka Modiri Molema 20 tablets, and Dr Kenneth Kaunda 10 tablets.

In his message of support, the MTN SA Foundation Central Regional Manager Mr Thapelo Mokoma, committed that they will continue to equip schools with digital equipment to enhance effective and efficient teaching and learning across the Province. The tablets have been installed with curriculum content from Grade R - 12 and educators will be capacitated on how to utilize them.

The Back to School Activation phenomenon themed “leave no one behind” is intended to foster strong partnership between MTN and the North West Department of Education. The concept is anticipated to close gaps and arm schools with the necessary tools of trade to increase performance. It is also aimed at improving not only the results but the quality of Teaching and Learning in the affected schools throughout the Province.

In her key note address MEC Ms Ntsetsao Viola Motsumi appreciated the generous donation from MTN which will assist the department as they

strive to achieve their target of 95%. Schools were encouraged to work hard and use the available resources to improve results. Mec Motsumi encouraged School Governing bodies to be strong and to serve the interest of learners by working together with teachers, principals and communities. SGB members were advised to support principals but continue to hold them accountable for the performance of the schools as curriculum delivery is a priority in the education sector.

The MEC also extended her gratitude to Ms Letshego Rampete who is the provincial QLTC Coordinator for always ensuring that stakeholder relationships are strengthen for the benefit of the department. The SGB members were also appreciated for the support they give to the schools, especially during the camps. She requested the school principals to give educators all the necessary support and ensure that quality curriculum is delivered using all the available resources.

The meeting was attended by principals, SGBs, CESs and DCESS, District Directors, and Departmental Officials.



MEC Viola Motsumi addressing the School Governing Bodies during the Back to School Activation Programme held at Sun City.



Members of the School Governing Bodies who attended the Back to School Activation Programme.



Ms Keadumela Gopane the Director for Curriculum Delivery presenting the performance of the Underperforming Schools.



(Centre) MEC Viola Motsumi and Mr Thapelo Mokoma flanked by the Departmental Managers and the School Governing Body members.

MEC Motsumi Monitors Infrastructure Progress at Tshedimoso Primary School Under Thuntsa Lerole Program

By Elias Malindi

As part of the North West Provincial Government's Thuntsa Lerole Accelerated Service Delivery Programme, MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi, visited Tshedimoso Primary School in Mooipan on Friday, 11 April 2025, to monitor the progress of ongoing infrastructure development aimed at improving learning conditions for learners in the area.

The infrastructure project, which was officially handed over in November 2024 and is anticipated to be completed this April, forms part of the Department's commitment to restoring dignity and creating safe learning environments for rural and underserved communities. The project encountered delays due to severe flooding in the area, but construction activities have since resumed and are progressing steadily.

Key infrastructure upgrades include earthworks renovations, the construction of an additional administration block, Grade R classrooms, a National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) kitchen, a multimedia centre, ablution facilities for both boys and girls, a security guard house, roadworks, parking facilities, perimeter fencing, and renovations of existing classrooms.

MEC Motsumi emphasises the importance of infrastructure development in advancing quality education and restoring hope to communities. **"This month, as we celebrate Freedom Month, we are reminded that the freedom we enjoy today must translate into real, tangible improvements in the lives of our people; especially our learners. Through initiatives like Thuntsa Lerole, we are not just building structures, we are building futures. We want every child in the North West to learn in an environment that is safe, dignified, and inspiring,"** expressed Motsumi.

The infrastructure project at Tshedimoso Primary forms part of the broader goal of projects to improve access to quality education across the province.



MEC Viola Motsumi motivating the Grade 12 Class of Seleje Secondary School in Madiba A Makgabane.



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MEC Motsumi and the members of the Social Cluster conducting a walkabout during the visit to Tshedimoso Primary School



MEC Viola Motsumi motivating the Grade 12 Class of Seleje Secondary School in Madiba A Makgabane.

North West Department of Education Embarked On the Autumn Camps for the Grade 12 learners

By Elias Malindi



Arrival of the Grade 12 learners at the Autumn Camp held at Oom Paul Special School.

The North West Department of Education has embarked on the autumn camps across the province. These camps are aimed at improving matric results. The camps, which commenced on Friday, 28 March 2025, target underperforming schools, vulnerable schools with pass rates around 70%, and those with progressed learners.

To ensure learners' participation, parents sign commitment letters, while Grade 12 learners also sign their own commitment letters, pledging not to engage in any illegal activities during the camps. According to the MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi, these camps form part of the First Push Campaign.

"As the North West province, we have started with the journey of supporting our learners right at the beginning of the year. These camps are part of the First Push campaign. These camps are going to deal in detail with the work done on the first quarter. Teachers are going to conduct revision of different topics and to assist learners with problematic topics. When they go back to their schools, they will be understanding the work done in the first quarter of the year", said MEC Motsumi.

The autumn camps ended up on Friday, 04 April 2025.

Minister of Basic Education, Siviwe Gwarube and France Ambassador, David Martinon visiting North West province to monitor the Early Childhood Development programme

Their visit started at Tlhabane Resource Centre where they met the departmental officials, then proceeded to Kids Day Care Centre in Lokgalong Village.



Security checking the bags of the Grade 12 learners during the admission process to the camp.



Arrival of the Grade 12 learners at the Autumn Camp held at Oom Paul Special School.



(L to R) Dr Frank Ntwape (Bojanala District: Acting Director), France Ambassador, Mr David Martinon, Minister of Basic Education, Hon Siviwe Gwarube, Mr Kagiso Ntshwe (Director in the Office of the MEC).



Early Childhood Development learners playing during the visit of the Minister of Basic Education and the France Ambassador.



Dr Shadrack Mvula(Deputy Director General) conducting a vote of thanks.

National BEEI and Partners Engage With North West Beei Task Team

By Nonkululeko Sereo

The Basic Education Employment Initiative is program that seeks to alleviate the youth unemployment rate faced by the country. The program has been implemented service since 2020 and Phase V yet to be launched in March 2025.

On Monday, 24th February 2025, the North West project team had its one-on-one training on the new payment system, called KWANTU that will be used throughout Phase V. The training was also attended by the National BEEI Project Manager Mrs Lala Maje, DBE partners from Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and Harambee Employment Development Accelerators and the training was held in Rustenburg, Rosewood Country Lodge.

The gathering aimed to engage and redress challenges of the past phases. It also focused on going through the BEEI framework and possible exiting pathways skills for the youth. These exiting pathways aim to empower the youth post the BEEI program and

ensure their employability in other sectors.

Dr Ditshego Tlhowe, principal of Tlhabane West Primary School, was in attendance to showcase the successes of the program at his school. Three of his former assistants have been absorbed in SGB posts and assigned as financial administration and sports (soccer, cheerleading and drum majorettes) and they are doing exceptionally well in their responsibilities with the drum majorettes team being the African champions. The school is indeed living Above and Beyond as its slogan says.

The Chief of Staff, Mr Kagiso Ntshwe, and other officials from Offices of the MEC and Superintendent General graced the workshop to support all BEEI activities. Dr Carol Letshabo who is the provincial project manager, appreciated the support and rally from all offices and she looks forward to working together to grow the youth of the North West province.



Mr. Oupa Mekingwe from the Office of the MEC.



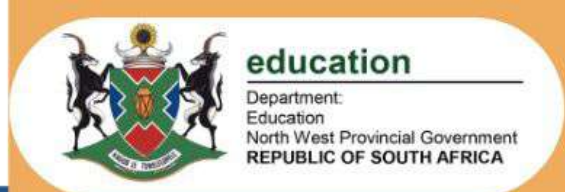
Mr. Kagiso Ntshwe the Director in the Office of the MEC.



Dr. Carol Letshabo the Provincial BEEI Coordinator addressing the Provincial Task Team.



(L-R) Dr. Ditshego David Tlhowe the Principal of Tlhabane West Primary School with Mr. Dale Jood the Admin Officer responsible for debt collection at the Provincial Task Team.



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APPLICATION TIMELINES

22 April - 09 May 2025
(23h59)

INTERVIEWS

19 May - 31 May 2025

CONTRACT START DATE

02 June 2025

PYEI-BEEI PHASE V APPLICATIONS OPEN FROM 22 APRIL 2025

RECRUITMENT OF UNEMPLOYED YOUTH FOR THE PYEI: BASIC EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT INITIATIVE

OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE:

EDUCATION ASSISTANTS (EA)* To assist with teaching & learning in classrooms.

- Curriculum Assistants
- Reading Champions
- e-Cadres – ICT integration in classrooms
- Care & Support Assistants - psychosocial support
- Laboratory Assistants
- Workshop Assistants

**Minimum of a matric is required but preference will be given to those with tertiary qualifications, especially in Education*

GENERAL SCHOOL ASSISTANTS (GSA)** To help with infrastructure maintenance and cultural activities.

- Handymen/women – maintenance of school infrastructure
- Sports and Enrichment Assistants – lead sport, arts and cultural activities

***No matric required*

WHO CAN APPLY?

- SA citizens aged 18 - 34 years old
- Must have a South African bank account
- Must live within 5km of an urban school or within 30km of a farm/rural school
- This phase is open to youth who were part of phase I,II,III and IV

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Basic Education Employment Initiative Eligibility Criteria

Phase V's target is 200,000 job opportunities for youth across nine provinces.

Eligibility criteria are as follows:

- (a) Youth who participated in the previous phases (I-IV), however, must meet the other requirements stated below.
- (b) Youth at age 18 – 34 years (18 or above when applying, or 34 turning 35 on or before 31 March 2026)
- (c) Youth residing 5 km around the location of the school (30 km for farm and rural schools)
- (d) One opportunity per household
- (e) Meet requirements per category and sub-category (role) applied for
- (f) Youth, NOT in Education, NOT in Employment, NOT in Training (NEET)
- (g) Youth studying a teaching undergraduate degree on a part-time, distance or remote/online learning will be prioritised for placement so that they may receive the work-integrated learning (WIL)
- (h) Youth in possession of NQF level 6 or 7 qualification will be prioritised
- (i) Youth NOT studying full-time
- (j) Youth studying teaching junior degree on distance or remote learning should be prioritised to receive work-integrated learning as it's required by many employers
- (k) Youth NOT receiving any other form of STIPEND, WAGE or SALARY
- (l) Youth NOT in a Learnership
- (m) Youth not double dipping - in another programme of the Department of Education (e.g. EPWP, CWP, Learner Support Agents, Care and Support Agents, Food Handler, Bus Controllers, Screeners, etc.)
- (n) Youth WITHOUT criminal record/s (young people should apply for Police Clearance Record, it will be required when called for interviews, the PCR must be one month old)
- (o) Youth that was not unfairly advantaged above others due to their relations to staff members (SMT or SGB)
- (p) Youth living with disability must provide medical certificate confirming the nature of disability
- (q) Youth that have a valid South African Identity Book/Card

The youth are encouraged to apply and support their schools and communities.



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North West Department of Education Congratulates Unathi Sishawu on Winning Ms Phenomenal South Africa Beauty Competition

By Elias Malindi

The North West Department of Education is proud to congratulate one of its own, Unathi Sishawu, on being crowned the winner of the Ms Phenomenal South Africa Beauty Competition.

Sishawu, a 27 year old Accounting Assistant in the Salary Section of the Bojanala District, was announced as the reigning queen at the competition held on Saturday, 29 March 2025, at the Hartfield Encore Theatre in Pretoria. A true inspiration, Unathi hails from Freedom Park, an informal settlement in Rustenburg, and holds a Master's degree in Public Administration. Her journey to the crown began in July last year, when she entered the competition and underwent a rigorous interview process, ultimately emerging as the finalist representing the North West province.

According to Unathi Sishawu entered the beauty competition to be a voice of the voiceless children who are the disadvantaged backgrounds like hers. **"Growing up in a disadvantaged community where women's rights were often overlooked,**

I've always aspired to be a voice for the voiceless. This passion drove me to pursue leadership opportunities like Miss Phenomenal South Africa. My motivation for entering the competition was twofold. Firstly, I wanted to show every child the status of their community is not their identity. Their dreams are not determined by their background."

I reside in a community plagued by high crime rates, teenage pregnancy, and substance abuse. And I want to be a beacon of hope, and inspire others to believe that if I can do it, they can surely do it too. This achievement is a surreal moment for me, and I'm humbled by the opportunity to make a difference.

As a passionate advocate for educational empowerment, women's and children's rights, and mental health awareness, I'm eager to educate and raise awareness. I believe that an informed society is key to creating positive change", expressed Sishawu the reigning beauty queen.



Unathi Sishawu after winning Ms Phenomenal South Africa Beauty Competition.



Unathi Sishawu flanked by the First and Second Princesses after the announcement of the Ms Phenomenal South Africa Beauty Competition results.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi, congratulated Sishawu on winning the national beauty competition. **"On behalf of the North West Department of Education, I would like to congratulate Unathi Sishawu on winning the national beauty competition. This victory clearly shows that the sky is not the limit, and everyone can achieve their dreams."**

Sishawu is a positive role model for learners in our province, as her background did not deter her from competing on a national stage with other ladies. I believe that she will be able to play an important role in the department by encouraging other officials to reach for their goals," said MEC Motsumi. Sishawu's dream is to one day enter the Miss South Africa pageant. Sishawu's dream is to one day enter the Miss South Africa pageant

North West SASA II Team Obtains The Top Spot at SA AGE Group Summer Games

By Nonkululeko Sereo

The North West Department of Education's South African Sports Association for the Intellectually Impaired (SASA II) team, comprising special school learners, has secured the first position at the National Age Group Summer Games. The tournament was held from 31 March to 04 April 2025, took place at Paterson Multipurpose Centre and Queens High School in Johannesburg, Gauteng Province.

The North West team, consisting of 130 learners from across four districts, showcased dedication, passion, and resilience throughout the competition, ultimately claiming the winners' trophy. The sporting codes played during the championship were Blackball Pool, Cricket, Hocker, Indoor Rowing, Swimming and Table Tennis.

The SASA II is a member of SASCO C (South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee) and Inas (International Sports Federation for people with Intellectual Disability). SASA II adheres to the international definition of intellectual disability recognized by the United Nations World Health Organisation.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi congratulated the team, for making the province proud. **"On behalf of the entire department, I take this moment to congratulate Team North West. Our learners have really made us proud, and today we welcome them back to day we welcome them back to the province as heroes and heroines.the province**

as heroes and heroines.

"Our responsibility as a department is not only to teach learners in the classroom, but we also expose them to other extramural activities like sport and music. Exposure to we also expose them to other extramural activities like sport and music. Exposure to these activities contributes to good health and it also assist them to engage with these activities contributes to good health and it also assist them to engage with other learners. Next year our province in September will be hosting the South African other learners. Next year our province in September will be hosting the South African Special Olympics. This achievement will encourage our learners to be the best next Special Olympics. This achievement will encourage our learners to be the best next year since they will be the hosts", said MEC Motsumi.

The North West Department of Education is working towards achieving the "Vision Education is working towards achieving the "Vision 350" of the South African Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, which aims to foster a 350" of the South African Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture, which aims to foster a thriving arts, culture, and heritage sector that contributes to sustainable economic thriving arts, culture, and heritage sector that contributes to sustainable economic development and social cohesion.development and social cohesion.



The North West Team in a jubilant mood after winning the SASA II National Championship



The North West Team.



(L to R) Mr Thebe Sekoto (Provincial School Sports Coordinator), Mr George Van Vuuren (SASA II Veteran) and Mr Ntwaedule Menyatso (NW SASA II Sports Organizer).



The North West Team.

North West Provincial Athletics Team Scooped A Third Place at National Primary Schools Track And Field Championships

By Nonkululeko Sereo



A teacher celebrating the top position obtained by North West Provincial Athletics Team at the National Primary Schools Track And Field Championships.

The North West Department of Education Provincial Athletics Team scooped a third place at the National Primary Schools Track and Field Championships, held at Germiston Stadium from 20 to 22 March 2025

The team's impressive performance is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and teamwork displayed by the learners and coaches. The North West Department of Education is proud to recognize their efforts and congratulates the team on their outstanding achievement.

"We are incredibly proud of our team for securing third place at the national championships. This is a remarkable achievement, and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication displayed by our learners and coaches. This is a remarkable achievement, and we are grateful for the hard work and dedication displayed by our learners and coaches.

"A heartfelt thank you to our dedicated educators and supportive parents who have played a vital role in nurturing and guiding our young champions", expressed MEC played a vital role in nurturing and guiding our young champions", expressed MEC Motsumi.Motsumi.

The North West Department of Education wishes to extend its congratulations to the Department of Education wishes to extend its congratulations to the North West Provincial Team on their outstanding achievement and wishes them North West Provincial Team on their outstanding achievement and wishes them continued success in their future endeavors. continued success in their future endeavors.

The National Secondary Schools Track and Field Championships are expected to take place in Bloemfontein on the first week of April 2025. take place in Bloemfontein on the first week of April 2025.



North West Provincial Athletics Team which attended the National Primary Schools Track And Field Championships.



Rayden Fienies from Laerskool Vastrap in Bojanala obtained the male best athlete during the National Primary Schools Track and Field Championships.



North West Provincial Athletics Team which attended the National Primary Schools Track And Field Championships.

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