

Spring Break Classes



THE DIRECTOR-GENERAL SUPPORTS THE LAST PUSH ACTIVITIES IN PROVINCES

The closure of schools for the Spring Break offered provinces an ideal opportunity to support learners with revision and consolidation activities (last push) through the “Spring Classes,” before the commencement of the 2017 National Senior Certificate (NSC) examination. The Director-General of Basic Education, Mr HM Mveli, who is well known for “leading from the front” began his visit to the classes across the nine provinces. The purpose of the visit is to motivate learners to take advantage of the classes and buckle down to some serious studying so as to improve the quality of passes in the 2017 examination.

In responding to questions relating to the role and impact of these “Spring Classes, the Director-General said that “the Spring Classes are being institutionalised in provinces as one of two major consolidation of learning activities on the school calendar. While the organisation of the classes in each province may differ in the packaging of programmes, duration, number of subjects targeted etc they are essentially similar in outcomes. All the provinces are preparing learners towards improved examination results.

In encouraging learners to stay focused on their studies, Mr Mveli said that thorough preparation for the examination will decrease anxiety and raise confidence levels. It is important that learners remain calm, collected and this will only be possible if they leave no stone unturned in their quest for understanding concepts and content and knowing how to apply them in all subjects.

Some learners took the opportunity to confirm the value of the classes, citing that the classes provided them with space that is conducive to studying and that this augurs well for improved performance in the examinations.

In this week’s Thuto, visits to all nine (9) provinces are featured.



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Basic Education Director-General, Mr Hubert Mathanzima Mveli travelled around Bojanala District, in the North West Province encouraging learners to set high targets as they sit for the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination on 16 October 2017 for some subjects and from 23 October 2017 for the rest of the subjects. Mr Mveli visited the Province on 07 October 2017, to meet with district officials with the intention to monitor their last push activities and to assess if the Spring Camp Programme is being implemented effectively.



It has been proven that the engagement meetings organised by the Director-General in provinces in the past two terms are a constructive mechanism capable of moving the Education Sector towards achieving goals set out in the National Development Plan. Being a regular visitor to provinces, the Director-General confirmed that provinces are on the right track in terms of preparing learners for the 2017 NSC Examination. The most critical aspect that came out clearly during the Spring Camp Monitoring Programme is the methods used by the districts in support of progressed learners, repeaters and borderline learners. In every district, the aforementioned categories of learners were combined in one centre to receive special attention. Even in Bojanala District, in the North West Province, these learners were top priority during the Spring Camp classes.

Camps that were visited by the Director-General in the North West Province included Boons Secondary School, Hoërskool Rustenburg, Sediba Kwele and New Convention Fellowship International. More than 6000 learners in Bojanala District were selected to attend the Spring Camp classes which commenced on 30 September 2017 until 08 October 2017.

Addressing learners at Boons Secondary School, Mr Mveli thanked parents for having made it easy for the District to have majority of its targeted learners showing up for the Spring Camp Programme, which seeks to leverage an increasing trend of improved learner performance during the NSC Examination.

The Director-General also extended his gratitude to the teachers who spent their entire September holidays on duty, saying that their determination to help learners to succeed makes them a true "Heartbeat of the Nation". "I salute all the teachers for their excellent work in transforming our nation for the better. I seriously urge you to keep up the good work," said Mr Mveli, adding that, "Government has dedicated relevant resources to help young people to realise their academic success by way of running Spring classes. It is now up to learners to make this programme beneficial. Good luck with your final year examinations", said the Director-General.

Phemelo Rametsi from Sedibelo Secondary School said: "The Spring Camp played a crucial role in enabling me to master difficult topics in the majority of my content subjects. Through the assistance of teachers at the camp, my performance will never be the same. I am honestly anticipating nothing else but good results from this year's final examinations." Whereas Ricardo Matlhaga from Tshomankane Secondary School said: "Truly speaking, this camp was well organised, it brought us good teachers who are patient to explain things in detail. I would like to thank our Government for arranging this camp, it really assisted with revision in several challenging subjects."

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to the future, for tomorrow
belongs to those who prepare
for it today." Malcom X**



PHOTOGRAPHIC RECORD OF
THE SPRING BREAK CLASSES
IN THE NORTH WEST
PROVINCE



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