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## Minister Motshekga opens Dalibango Lower Primary School in the Eastern Cape Province

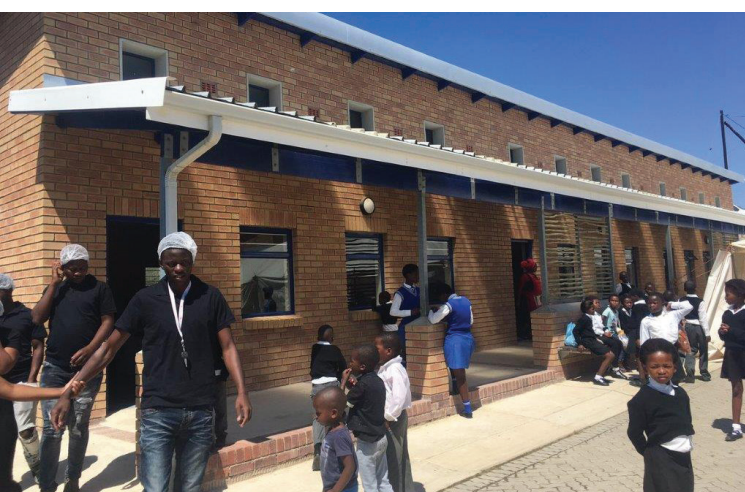


Basic Education Minister, Mrs Angie Motshekga, handed over the Dalibango Lower Primary School in O.R. Tambo District, Eastern Cape Province on 09 November 2018. The hand-over forms part of the Accelerated Schools Infrastructure Delivery Initiative (ASIDI). The state-of-the-art school includes a resource centre and a science laboratory, water harvesting capabilities, as well as nutrition centres where learners are served nutritious meals daily.

Addressing community members Minister Motshekga said, “We believe that this new infrastructure will contribute towards levels of optimum learning and teaching in our schools. To date, the ASIDI programme has delivered 210 state-of-the-art schools throughout the country. I am glad to announce that more than half of the new schools are here in the Eastern Cape Province. In addition, the ASIDI programme has completed 468 sanitation projects with another 422 under construction. One hundred and eighty two projects are at planning, design and procurement stage”.

“We have recently launched a fast track programme called the Appropriate School Sanitation Campaign (SAFE) to eradicate pit latrines. The purpose of the campaign is to provide safe sanitation facilities for all our learners. We must without undue delay restore dignity to rural and under-privileged urban school-going children and teachers. To this end we have mobilised over R220 million from the private sector. The ASIDI programme continues to deliver a dividend of democracy to communities across rural South Africa and in urban but underprivileged areas,” Minister Motshekga concluded.

<https://www.education.gov.za/Newsroom/Speeches/tabid/950/ctl/Details/mid/7006/ItemID/5939/Default.aspx>



## Western Cape and North West Provinces win the 2018 SADC Secondary Schools Essay Competition



Intense research and a passion for reading have been the tools of the trade for Anmar Brand from Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof, in the Western Cape Province, who won the 2018 Southern African Development Community (SADC) Secondary Schools Essay Competition. She walked away with prize money to the value of R6,824,50.

Second place winner, Jenika Vorster, who is also a learner from Hoër Meisieskool Bloemhof, was awarded prize money to the value of R4,094,70.

Dineo Njoro, third place winner from Bethel High School in the North West Province, was awarded prize money to the value of R2,729,81.

Basic Education Minister, Mrs Angie Motshekga, joined by Deputy Minister, Mr Enver Surty, Western Cape MEC for Education, Ms Debbie Schäfer and North West MEC for Education, Mr Sello Lehari, officiated the prize giving ceremony at the DBE offices in Pretoria on 08 November 2018.

The Competition, which targeted all secondary school learners within the region, has been used as a tool to promote the participation of youth in regional integration affairs under the theme: *The role of the Private Sector in Developing Industries and Regional Value Chains*.



## DBE and Massdiscounters partner to deliver mobile kitchens



The role of the private sector in education will go a long way in sustaining Government's efforts aimed at improving quality education in the country.

DBE and Massdiscounters handed over kitchen containers to Tlakukani Primary and Mveledzo Primary Schools in Mamelodi, Tshwane on 09 November 2018, as part of the *Amalunchbox* Campaign, to improve the condition of the serving points of school-based meals across all nine provinces.

The partnership, which contributed more than 252 kitchen containers to education, has complemented the work done by the DBE's National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) in ensuring that approximately 9 million learners receive a nutritious meal on a daily basis at schools, and to improve health and hygiene conditions, as well as critical food safety for learners.

<https://www.education.gov.za/Programmes/NSNP/tabid/632/Default.aspx>



## Zamokuhle Junior Secondary receives much needed Resource Centre



Nestled in the mountains of the Eastern Cape Province at the foothills of Lesotho, lies the sleepy little town of Matatiele. On 01 November 2018, the joyous sounds of celebration greeted the esteemed guests visiting Zamokuhle Junior Secondary School.

It was indeed a festive occasion as the DBE, Adopt-A-School (AAS), the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Industrial Development Corporation (IDC) and WIPRO technologies launched a new and fully furnished Resource Centre and Early Grade Development (ECD) facility, as part of the Whole School Development (WSD) Project.

Speaking at the official handover, AAS board member, Mr Silas Mashava, commented that, “The WSD approach adds value to the academic, infrastructural, social and security environments in adopted schools, to improve the overall outlook and performance of the 30 schools that have been adopted thus far”.

“We are pleased to see a new Resource Centre at the school; the computers, internet access, paperback and audio books will champion the Department’s *Read to Lead Campaign* and encourage a love of reading with age appropriate books,” said Mayor Sixolile Mehlamakhulu whilst addressing community members.

<https://www.education.gov.za/Home/Read2Lead/tabid/976/Default.aspx>



## Disability Rights Awareness Month

3 November - 3 December 2018



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Since the *White Paper on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* was approved by Cabinet during 2015, the Department of Basic Education (DBE) has made strides in respect of Inclusive Education. South Africa commemorates National Disability Rights Awareness Month (DRAM) annually from 03 November to 03 December, with 03 December being commemorated as International Day of Persons with Disabilities, as well as National Disability Rights Awareness Day, to raise awareness about disability issues. The DRAM theme for 2018 is: *A Disability-Inclusive Barrier-Free South Africa by 2030. Be the Legacy.*

For the first time this year the DBE is, as part of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination, administering an examination in South African Sign Language at Home Language level to 44 deaf candidates across ten schools. The question papers will be signed and learners will respond by signing and this will be recorded using the appropriate technology.

Basic Education Minister, Mrs Angie Motshekga, approved the *Policy on Screening, Identification, Assessment and Support* (SIAS) on 19 December 2014, to ensure that all learners of school-going age, particularly those who are vulnerable and at-risk, can have access to quality education. The Policy aims at standardising the procedures to ensure that all learners have access to appropriate support and place teachers and parents at the centre of the support process. This is in line with Article 24, as reflected in the *United Nations Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities* ratified by Cabinet during November 2007.

## DBE applauds PEDs for strengthening Inclusive Education in schools



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DBE together with Provincial Education Departments (PEDs) registered significant progress in strengthening Inclusive Education in South African schools. There are currently 17 Schools for the Deaf offering Grade 12, and 10 schools offering the inaugural South African Sign Language (SASL HL) as a Home Language in Grade 12. Approximately 58 candidates wrote Paper 1 of the first National Senior Certificate (NSC) SASL examination on 06 of November 2018. Paper 2 will be written on 15 November 2018 and Paper 3 will be written on 20 November 2018.

DBE Project Manager for SASL Curriculum Development, Ms Anna-Mart Schroeder, said: “The development of a SASL CAPS on Home Language level has been a major achievement in education for the deaf. It will be the first time that deaf learners would have an opportunity to take SASL on a Home Language level, which will enable them to have access to Higher Education Institutions”.

“The SASL HL CAPS for Grades R to 12 was approved as policy by the Council of Education Ministers (CEM) during July 2014. The incremental implementation thereof commenced in 43 Schools for the Deaf during January 2015, focusing on the Foundation Phase and Grade 9. The incremental implementation continued in the Intermediate Phase and Grade 10 during January 2016, and the Senior Phase and Grade 11 during January 2017. This year the SASL HL CAPS are being implemented in Grade 12,” concluded Ms Schroeder.

<https://www.education.gov.za/Programmes/InclusiveEducation.aspx>

# DBE and sponsors join hands to promote mass physical education participation



Kroonvale Primary School from the Eastern Cape Province emerged as the winner during the Let's Play Schools Physical Education Challenge for Grades 4 and 6 that took place on 06 November 2018 across eight provinces concurrently. Thuthukani Primary School in KwaMhlanga, Mpumalanga Province served as the nerve centre for collating the results. The semi-finals excluded the Northern Cape Province whose provincial finals will be taking place during November 2018. The winning school from the Northern Cape Province will then compete in the finals against Kroonvale Primary School which will be taking place during December 2018.

The event is being organised by the DBE in partnership with Active Education and SuperSport. The winning school will receive a multi-purpose sport court to the value of R1.3 million.

Deputy Director for Sport and Enrichment, Mr Potledi Ngoepe, said that, "Physical Education remains one of the critical co-curricular activities integrated with the Curriculum Assessment Policy Statements (CAPS), to keep learners fit and physically active by performing a variety of physical activities to maintain healthy and balanced lives".

"The games were quality assured by Active Education to comply with the CAPS prescribed activities," added Mr Ngoepe.

Recently, the DBE commissioned a study by the South African Universities Physical Education Association, to conduct a situational analysis of the implementation of physical education in schools. The findings will be shared with various education stakeholders in due course.

<https://activeeducation.co.za/lets-play-challenge/>



## Provincial Round-up

### Western Cape Province



Western Cape MEC, Ms Debbie Schäfer, was pleased about the Western Cape High Court ruling that Uitzig High School in Elsies River will be closed for learning and teaching, and that learners will be moved to neighbouring schools with better facilities and resources. On 03 March 2017, MEC Schäfer approved that consideration be given to the closure of the school in the best interest of learners. This decision was however, taken to court, preventing the implementation of the closure for almost two years. This came at a great cost not only to the Department, but also to the remaining learners who attend the school as the protracted court battle meant that approximately 100 learners were forced to stay on premises where a school building had been declared unsafe. Mobile classrooms and ablution facilities, as well as on-site security had to be provided. The learners will be accommodated at alternative schools in time for the start of the 2019 academic year, where arrangements have been made for them to apply for fee exemptions.

### North West Province



MEC for Education and Sport Development for the North West Province, Mr Sello Lehari, visited examination centres on 06 November 2018 in Moretele, Bojanala District. The two schools that were visited, Molebatsi Secondary School in Motle village and Ithuteng Commercial High School in Moeka village, were writing Setswana and Sotho examinations, and accommodate 77 candidates with three examination centres and 107 candidates with five examination centres respectively. MEC Lehari was proud to report that, during these monitoring visits, no examination irregularities were reported at the two schools. “I am satisfied that examinations are continuing smoothly. This shows learner discipline, readiness and commitment to the examination pledge against exam irregularities. We are hoping for the trend to continue for the rest of the examination period,” Lehari said. MEC Lehari then made his way to Motswatmeng Secondary School in Lebotlwane village and Gaseitsiwe Secondary School in Ngobi village where learners were sitting for Economics, Paper 2.

### KwaZulu-Natal Province



KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr Mthandeni Dlungwana, recently deployed the Acting Chief Director in the Office of the MEC, Dr Ngogi Mahaye, to hand over books donated by Roger and Ann Reece from Brecon Rotary to Indlovana Primary School in Greytown in the Umzinyathi District and to Sibanisethu Primary School in KwaMaphumulo in the iLembe District. This is in support of the *Read to Lead Campaign* to cultivate a culture of reading in South African schools.

# Upcoming Events

- 11 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to Khayelitsha Church in the Western Cape Province
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- 11 – 18 November 2018: The national adjudication process for the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual National Teaching Awards (NTAs) will be taking place in the Gauteng Province
- 17 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to Kuruman in the Northern Cape Province
- 19 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to De Aar in the Northern Cape Province
- 20 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to Colesberg in the Northern Cape Province
- 23 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to Mtubatuba in the KwaZulu-Natal Province
- 24 November 2018: Minister Motshekga to embark on a Second Chance Matric Support Programme Roadshow to Newcastle in the KwaZulu-Natal Province
- 30 November 2018: The DBE will be commemorating World AIDS Day at Pondolwendlovu Senior Secondary School in the OR Tambo Coastal District, Eastern Cape Province

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