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Minister Motshekga convenes end-of-year meeting with District Directors



Minister Motshekga has hosted her final meeting with District Directors. Motshekga has thanked the District Directors for the work they have done in 2018 to ensure that education services are delivered in all schools.

The Minister said that sanitation, infrastructure, Early Childhood Development (ECD) and Information and Communications Technology (ICT) were priorities that districts needed to focus on for an improved basic sector system.

The Minister informed District Directors that a major announcement about the strengthening of ICT will be announced in 2019 when the President will be establishing a committee to drive the Fourth Industrial Revolution. Another major announcement will be a National Reading Campaign that will be launched along with the National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT), also with the President as the patron.

Various presentations were made by senior DBE officials, including the findings of the 2017 *School Monitoring Survey*, the *General Household Survey*, the opportunity for learners at a second chance of academic success, and the importance of School Based Assessments (SBAs).

Click on the below link for the full article:

<https://www.education.gov.za/ArchivedDocuments/ArchivedArticles/MinistersmeetingwithDD.aspx>



Partnership boosts ICT in Western Cape schools



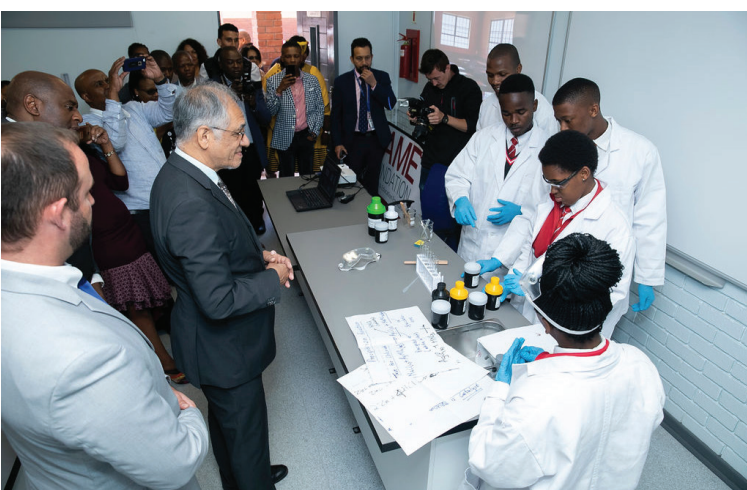
Yet another state of the art facility has been unveiled to benefit learners and educators, this time in the Western Cape. Manyano High School in Khayelitsha has received a brand new set of classroom teaching equipment.

Basic Education Deputy Minister Enver Surty presided over the handover of the equipment sponsored through an initiative championed by the South African Medical and Education Foundation (SAME) Programme.

Deputy Minister Surty emphasized the power of technology in making a difference in the lives of learners, and the stimulation of the Fourth Industrial Revolution in Mathematics and Science.

“The learning aids will equip learners with a new vision and ambition for an analytic outlook in respect of decision making in the multi-dimensional education environment. The aids will further encourage learners to experiment and be creative by assisting them to understand universal values, excellence and global understanding of the 21st Century challenges,” said Ms Nokuzola Malgas, Principal of Manyano High School.

The Foundation donated teaching and learning equipment to 9 science laboratories, 10 Mathematics classrooms, 4 computer laboratories, and revamped the ablution facilities at the Zimasa Community School, as well as the ID Mkhize and Woodlands High Schools in the Western Cape Province.



Protocol for reporting and management of sexual abuse and harassment in schools

The Department of Basic Education and UNICEF have planned a series of activities with school principals in support of the *16 Days of No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign*. The purpose of these engagements is to sensitise, equip and capacitate them in guiding schools in the management and reporting of sexual abuse and harassment. Gauteng (Gauteng North and Tshwane South districts) and North West Provinces (Bojanala and Kenneth Kaunda districts) have been identified for the engagements on 06 and 07 December and on 10 and 11 December 2018 respectively.

During 2017, the Department, together with UNICEF, embarked on a process of developing the *Protocol for the management and reporting of sexual abuse and harassment in schools*. The Protocol provides a guide to the management and reporting of sexual abuse and harassment, ensuring an appropriate and timely response to cases of sexual abuse and harassment perpetrated against learners. It responds to the need for a standardised response to allegations by learners of incidents of sexual abuse and harassment, by fellow learners, educators or by other persons.

The Protocol has been developed to equip the DBE at all levels, and School Management Teams (SMTs) in particular, with the necessary guidelines to manage and effectively report all incidences of sexual abuse and harassment as mandated by the *Sexual Offences and Related Matters Amendment (SORMAA) Act 32 Of 2007*. The Protocol has also been broadly consulted across all nine provinces with all critical stakeholders participating.

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



Marking of NSC scripts underway



The marking of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examination scripts have commenced in full force across the various provinces, with marking expected to be completed by 15 November 2018. Director for National Assessment and Public Examinations, Ms Pricilla Ogunbanjo, said that, “The DBE will be monitoring the marking process across all Provincial Education Departments (PEDs), with the DBE hosting the centralised marking of certain subjects with a small enrolment”.

“Marking Guideline Standardisation meetings, which were intended to prepare chief markers and internal moderators in respect of marking processes, were also organised. The chief markers and internal moderators were authorised to lead the marking process in their province only after their competence levels were assessed based on their ability to mark within a stipulated Tolerance Range (TR). The chief markers and internal moderators were expected to replicate the national training process with their markers at their respective provinces. All provinces have identified their marking centres and logistical arrangements, including the provision of security at the centres,” added Ms Ogunbanjo.

Basic Education Director-General, Mr Hubert Mathanzima Mveli, who has been visiting marking centres across the country, is satisfied that the process is proceeding well. Thus far, the Limpopo, Gauteng, Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal Provinces have been visited. A total of 44,505 markers have been appointed to mark across the 141 marking centres. After the UMALUSI standardisation process has been completed, Minister Motshekga will announce the NSC results for the Class of 2018 at an event to be held at the Vodacom Dome in Midrand on 03 January 2019.

[https://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalSeniorCertificate\(NSC\)Examinations.aspx](https://www.education.gov.za/Curriculum/NationalSeniorCertificate(NSC)Examinations.aspx)



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NSC Ministerial Announcement of Results
for the Class of 2018

03 January 2019
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Wrapping up the World AIDS Day commemorations



South Africa and the world have reflected on strides and challenges in the fight against HIV and AIDS. After commemorating World Aids Day (WAD) with education stakeholders, learners, parents and members of School Governing Bodies (SGBs) from the OR Tambo Coastal District at Pondolwendlovu Senior Secondary School in the Eastern Cape Province on 30 November 2018, the DBE concluded its WAD commemoration with a candle lighting ceremony.

The ceremony took place at the Department in Pretoria and was officiated by Mr Paseka Njobe, Director for Safety in Education. Mr Meshack Gumede and Ms Christine Mahlangu from the City of Tshwane Primary Health Care FF Ribeiro Clinic, also attended the ceremony. Mr Gumede facilitated the ceremony by lighting four candles for hope, love, care and oneness to: overcome discrimination against people with AIDS; care for those with AIDS; support those who care for those affected; and mobilise communities to join the partnership against AIDS. The Clinic provides HIV, AIDS and TB-related treatment, care and support services, counselling and testing services. They are an accredited antiretroviral (ARV) treatment initiation and an on-going treatment site. In addition, they run a monthly support group for TB and HIV-positive patients.

The commemoration was followed by a HIV and AIDS Counselling and Testing (HCT) Campaign that took place from 04 to 05 December 2018, at the DBE in Pretoria, under the theme: "I am responsible, we are responsible and South Africa is taking responsibility." Health screening was also conducted as part of the Employee Health and Wellness Campaign arranged by the Department's Training and Social Responsibility Directorate.

<https://www.gov.za/WorldAIDSDay2018>



Preparing SA children for a brighter future

Since 1994, government has made strides in preserving the lives of children and ensuring their quality of life improves.



Fast facts

- Infant mortality rate (IMR)** has declined from an estimated 53.2 infant deaths per 1 000 live births in 2002 to 36.4.

Vaccines:

- Oral polio vaccine (OPV) at birth.
- Rotavirus vaccine (RV)**; diphtheria and tetanus toxoids and acellular pertussis absorbed and inactivated poliovirus vaccine (DTaP-IPV vaccine); hepatitis B vaccine (hBV); Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV) - at six weeks, 10 weeks and 14 weeks.

- Measles vaccine at nine months.
- Pneumococcal conjugate vaccine (PCV)**; Chickenpox (varicella) vaccine; Hepatitis A vaccine; Measles, Mumps, and Rubella (MMR) vaccine at 18 months.
- Human papilloma virus (HPV)** vaccine was introduced in 2014 free to grade 4 girls in quintile 1 to 4 schools.

The National Poverty Lines contain both food and non-food components of household consumption expenditure.

- Food poverty line** – R547 (in April 2018 prices) per person per month. This refers to the amount of money an individual will need to afford the minimum required daily

energy intake. This is also commonly referred to as the “extreme” poverty line;

- Lower-bound poverty line** – R785 (in April 2018 prices) per person per month. This refers to the food poverty line plus the average amount derived from non-food items of households whose total expenditure is equal to the food poverty line; and
- Upper-bound poverty line** – R1 183 (in April 2018 prices) per person per month. This refers to the food poverty line plus the average amount derived from non-food items of households whose food expenditure is equal to the food poverty line.



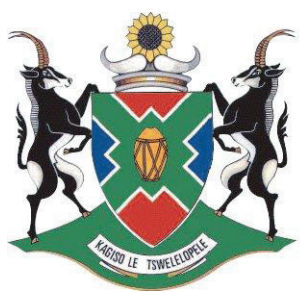
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Provincial Round-up

North West Province



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NORTH WEST PROVINCE

The renovation of the Orkney Hotel School to train and develop youth, is underway. The hotel school, donated by Anglo Gold Ashanti, will be used to develop and train young people on hotel administration, hospitality and other courses related to the tourism industry, and will greatly assist in producing future chefs and other careers in the growing tourism sector. The R13.7 million tender for the renovation of the Province's third hotel school was awarded to Celeste Holdings. MEC for Tourism, Desbo Mohono, thanked the mining company for their donation, saying that Government remains committed to the training of youth in the Province. The renovations are expected to be finalised within the next six months.

Eastern Cape Province



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“Being blind has never stopped me in pursuing my dreams of becoming a public servant, but has made me accept my disability and do my best to prosper in life,” said Luthando Toyi, an Intern at the Eastern Cape Department of Education (ECDoE). Toyi, who was not born blind, but lost his sight later in life, said that he never received special treatment for admission to the ECDoE internship programme in Zwelitsha, but followed procedures like any other intern. At first he was placed at the Customer Care Unit, but was later moved to the IT service desk, where his responsibilities currently include logging calls to assign departmental technicians to technical queries. He also assists with the distribution of emails on internal communication. Toyi also encourages others living with disabilities to apply for posts within Government.

South Africa commemorated annual National Disability Rights Awareness Month between 03 November to 03 December, with 03 December being commemorated as International Day of Persons with Disabilities, and as National Disability Rights Awareness Day.

Upcoming Events

- 10 – 14 December 2018: The DBE, in collaboration with the Department of Sport and Recreation South Africa, will jointly host the annual South African Schools National Championships (Summer Games) at the Universities of Johannesburg and the Witwatersrand in the Gauteng Province
- 03 January 2019: Minister Motshekga will be announcing the results of the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examinations at the Vodacom Dome, Midrand in the Gauteng Province
- 16 February 2019: The 19th Annual National Teaching Awards (NTAs) be taking place in the Gauteng Province
- 28 February – 01 March 2019: National School Nutrition Programme Forum and commemoration of Africa Day of School Feeding at the DBE in Pretoria, Gauteng Province

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