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MEDIA ADVISORY

SUBJECT : MEC MHAULE SCHOOL SUPPORT VISIT TO MKHONDO MUNICIPALITY

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will visit two schools in Mkhondo Municipality schools namely Ndlela and Amadlelo Aluhlaza Secondary School on 24 and 25 May 2012 in Gert Sibande District.

These schools are in the Piet Retief Circuit which has **05** secondary schools, **09** combined schools and **30** primary schools. This circuit has not performed above **55%** since 2009 in the Grade 12 results and is currently standing at **52.1%**. Of the **18** Circuits in the Gert Sibande District, Piet Retief Circuit is at position 15 and ranks amongst the last four circuits in the District.

The circuit has the potential to produce satisfactory results only if it can be given special attention hence the supports visit by the MEC.

The MEC will during her visit encourage learners and teachers to remain dedicated to their school activities and to stay focused so that they could achieve their set targets.

She will also convene an Extended District Management Meeting to take stock of the extent to which the District is implementing the school intervention plans.

The Department has built two state of the art schools last year at Mkhondo Municipality namely Ezakheni Boarding school and Inqubeko Secondary school.

This year, another new school will be build consisting of 28 Classrooms, an admin block, laboratory, library, hall and a kitchen. An amount of R30.5 million has been set aside to achieve this.

The construction is intended to alleviate overcrowding and to ensure a conducive environment for teaching and learning to take place.

The Media is invited
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