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FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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MEDIA ADVISORY

SUBJECT : THE MEC'S PUBIC RELATIONS PROGRAMME 29 MAY-01 JUNE 2012

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will convene a Stakeholder Consultative meeting on Education tomorrow, 29 May 2012 17H00 at Mgubho Combined School, Nkomazi Local Municipality.

Principals, educators and members of school governing bodies are expected to attend this meeting.

On 31 May 2012 at 07H00, she will visit Dlangamabala Secondary School in Nkomazi as part of her support visits to schools

She will also launch the Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign at Sgweje Secondary School in the Nkomazi local municipality on 01 June 2012 at 08H30.

The Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign seeks to call on all individuals, communities and organisations to assume their responsibility to improve the quality of education in the province. The elements of the campaign are:

- Inform citizens about the importance of education, and their roles, responsibilities and obligations towards it.
- Mobilize communities to monitor and support schools, teachers and learners.
- Improve the quality of education for all children, especially the poor, and display the improved quality through better learner achievements;
- Call upon all departmental officials, school principals, teachers, students, parents and community members to make a commitment to a code for Quality Education which describes the required responsibilities and discipline.

If all sections of society work together - government, communities, health care workers, civil society, business, media and other sectors - we can ensure that all learners benefit from quality education.

The president of the country, Jacob Zuma when launching the campaign said:

“Education must be elevated from being a departmental issue or even a government issue, to a societal issue - one that occupies the attention and energy for all our people.

*A commitment should be made to a “**Code for Quality Education**, which describes the responsibilities and discipline required of them – the “non-negotiables.*

It must be seen as a revolutionary act for cadres to subscribe to and act within this code.”

The Nkomazi municipality obtained 76.2% in the 2011 Grade 12 results making it the best performing municipality in the province though it is mostly rural.

All media is invited.

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