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**SUBJECT : SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS CHORAL EISTEDDFOD
(PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP)**

The MEC for the Mpumalanga Department of Education, Ms. Reginah Mhaule takes this opportunity to congratulate all choirs who represented their respective Districts at the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod Provincial Championships on 31 May to 02 June 2013.

When conveying her congratulatory message this is what she had to say;

“Over the centuries music has proven to be the best tool available to humanity to interface the physical and the spiritual. This has been the best way of opening up the window to the soul and thus as Africans, we use music to take us through our emotional expressions and phases of life.

Let me take this time to wish all the choirs proceeding to the National competitions well as they fly the Mpumalanga flag high”, said the MEC

The MEC further indicated that the learners were driven by the same passion which compels the educators to dedicate their afternoons and spare time to help them perfect their skills in singing.

She thanked all the educators for their selfless efforts and love for their country and fellow-humans.

*“The 2013 Mpumalanga Schools Choral Eisteddfod will not only be taken to a higher level but will also have a positive effect on our annual learner performance outcomes. As Mpumalanga Education, we have over the three years improved our Grade 12 results from **47.9%** in 2009 to **70%** in 2012, after the supplementary examination results the overall pass rate for Mpumalanga came **71.9%** marking an overall improvement of **24%**”, said the MEC.*

The MEC encouraged other schools to make an extra effort to participate in the 2014 music competitions. The South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod is one of the schools' curriculum enrichment programmes that the Department supports as it aims to promote unity, social transformation and cohesion amongst young South Africans.

The involvement of learners in extramural activities is an important task as it teaches the discipline, working together and time management skills, and also play an important role in building the learners' self esteem.

Only choirs that obtained position one will proceed to represent the province in the National Championships which will be held at Rhema Bible Church in Randburg, Johannesburg from 02-05 July 2013.

The following are results of choristers' performance over the three days of cheerful melody and dance.

SENIOR PHASE (31 MAY 2013)

OPEN OWN CHOICE

TOSS	DISTRICT	SCHOOL	POSITION
SE10	Bohlabela	Estralita Special School	01

SEXTETS

SEN30	Gert Sibande	Harmony Park	01
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DOUBLE MIXED

SEN10	Ehlanzeni	Thanda	01
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BARITONE

SEN10	Gert Sibande	Emseni	01
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MEZZO SAPRANO

SEN20	Ehlanzeni	Sikhutsele	01
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SOLO SAPRANO

SEN30	Gert Sibande	Nqobile	01
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SOLO TENOR

SEN30	Gert Sibande	Emseni	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: WESTERN

SEN10	Bohlabela	Mavimbela	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRIKAANS

SEN10	Bohlabela	Njanji	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRICAN

SEN10	Bohlabela	Mavimbela	01
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INDEGENOUS FOLKLORE AND HIV/AIDS JINGLE

SEN40	Nkangala	Vulamehlo	01
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FET PHASE (01 JUNE 2013)

MALE VOICES CHOIR

FET40	Bohlabela	Chayaza	01
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FEMALE VOICES CHOIR

FET40	Bohlabela	Moses Mnisi	01
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BARITONE SOLO

FET20	Nkangala	Nhlalakahle	01
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MEZZO SOPRANO SOLO

FET10	Gert Sibande	Ithafa	01
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SOLO SOPRANO

FET10	Gert Sibande	Indlela	01
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SOLO TENOR

FET40	Bohlabela	Chayaza	01
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TRIO

FET10	Gert Sibande	Ikhethelo	01
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SMALL ENSEMBLES

FET10	Gert Sibande	Jandrell	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: WESTERN

FET20	Bohlabela	Chayaza	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRIKAANS

FET40	Gert Sibande	Jandrell	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRICAN

FET20	Bohlabela	Moses Mnisi	01
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INDEGENOUS FOLKORE AND HIV/AIDS

FET10	Ehlanzeni	Gedlembane	01
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INTERMEDIATE PHASE (02 JUNE 2013)

SEXTEST

INT20	Gert Sibande	Theu-Theu	01
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DOUBLE QUARTET

INT20	Gert Sibande	Sanqotho	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: WESTERN

INT20	Gert Sibande	Theu-Theu	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRIKAANS

INT20	Gert Sibande	Sakhisizwe	01
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MIXED CHOIRS: AFRICAN

INT20	Gert Sibande	Theu: Theu	01
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INDIGENOUS FLOKLORE

INT30	Ehlanzeni	Matsafeni	01
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