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The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule, will on **Thursday, 17 January 2013** convene a meeting with the Provincial Quality Learning and Teaching Steering Committees from Circuits, Districts and the Province at Ermelo Hoërskool.

The intention of this meeting is to discuss measures that will be put in place to qualitatively improve learner performance at all grades.

At the occasion of the announcement of the 2012 Grade 12 results, the MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule stated that there must be no school that performs below 50% in 2013. Above that she urged all schools to ensure improvement in the teaching of Maths and Physical Science in all grades.

These are some of the issues that the meeting will deliberate on with the main intention being to ensure that all stakeholders play a meaningful role on educational matters.

The Quality and Learning Campaign Meeting will be preceded by the MEC's visit to **Ligbron Academy** on the same date at 07H00.

At this school the MEC will observe the e-lessons which are being offered to support live transmissions of Mathematics and Science lessons during school hours from Ligbron Academy for Technology to Umzimvelo Combined School, Camden Combined School and Ermelo Combined School.

The *e- learning project* inculcates opportunities for teachers and learners in rural schools to observe and to take part in the effective use of technology to improve lesson quality and to build capacity.

The Ligbron e-Leaning Project has won prestigious awards including one of the 10<sup>th</sup> CPSI public Sector innovation Awards for their project where six rural schools are now connected to them through a wireless network with a radius of more than 50km.

Through this e-learning project, schools share lessons, material and resources through an integrated system that includes interactive SMART boards, web cameras and LCD displays.

The media is invited.

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