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SUBJECT: CONSTRUCTION OF A NEW SCHOOL AT THEKWANE

SOUTH STARTS TOMORROW

The re-opening of schools for the second quarter tomorrow will commence with the Official Site Handover for the construction of the fully-fledged secondary school in Thekwane South in Mbombela Municipality.

The contractor was introduced to the community yesterday on 07 April 2013 and is expected to commence with the construction of the schools that is consisting of **24** classrooms, administration block, laboratory, library, computer centre, school hall, 30 toilets, fence, electricity, water, kitchen, ramps and rails, **3** sports grounds and car park.

The cost for the construction of the school is **R48 million** [Inclusive of VAT, Professional Fees and Management Fees].

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule is delighted with this development and has said:

"We are indeed encouraged by this development as it seeks to ensure that the learners who used to travel about 5 km to the nearest school will henceforth have access to a school within their neighbourhood. This will ease the burden of transport from parents and will also make it easy for these learners to participate in the school extra curriculum enrichment programmes", MEC for Education.

The Department expects the first phase to be complete by December 2013 and to be ready for occupation when schools re-pen in January 2014.

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