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SUBJECT : THREE MPUMALANGA EDUCATORS MAKE THE PROVINCE PROUD.

The Mpumalanga Department of Education applauds the Educators who were nominated to participate in National Teaching awards held on **06 March 2014** at Birchwood Hotel and Conference Centre, Boksburg.

The National Teaching Awards were instituted to acknowledge and encourage dedicated and caring teachers in their efforts to develop each learner as a citizen of a democratic, non-racial and non-sexist South Africa.

The MEC for Education Mrs Reginah Mhaule, out of delight extended her profound words of gratitude to the three educators who made it as finalists in the National Teaching Awards when she said;

To our beloved educators, no matter how big a crowd may be, people like you always stand out! You've worked hard to get this far, but your efforts were completely worth it. Now one of your greatest desires became real!

Well done! You are destined to make it big, you just didn't know it. This recognition is surely deserved and will give you an opportunity to spread your wings.

Our heartfelt appreciation also goes to those who did not make it at National level, their nomination is a sign that they have what it takes and we are proud of them. These type of Educators can only bring about development in the province and in the country as whole.

Below are the three educators who won prizes at the National Teaching Awards:

2nd position in Excellence in Mathematics Teaching - Mrs Jayasree Thulasi

Mrs Jayasree Thulasi is a Maths Teacher at Suikerland Secondary school, in Ehlanzeni District.

Her teaching Philosophy is that "a teacher should set an ethical standard for all. Leading by example to achieve goals and objectives, showing a commitment to

development and constant improvement". She believes this could be achieved through learner centered approach, monitoring and assessing their.

She further indicates that a teacher must at all times bring and nurture values in the lives of learners so that holistic development of an individual is attained.

3rd position in Grade R teaching – Ms Mabaso Promise

Ms Mabaso Promise is a grade R teacher at Sekusile Primary school, Ehlanzeni district. She believes that what made a difference as a grade R teacher is that, she plays a mother role to the young learners and that she is a caring practitioner as she stands in loco parents.

3rd position Life Time Achievement - Mr Mdaka Mbongeleni

Mr Mdaka Mbongeleni is a School principal at Lugebhuta High School Ehlanzeni District. He started teaching in 1981 and has 33 years unbroken service. He believes his pillar of strength through his long teaching career has been his ability to work with different stakeholders and role players at different levels.

That includes Learners, teachers, parents and community based organizations. He believes the role of business is critical in sustaining healthy partnerships in education.

Once more the Mpumalanga Department of Education congratulates all the educators who participated in the National Teaching Awards.

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