

TO: NEWS EDITORS

FROM: THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT: MEC UNVEILS THE SCHOOLS SANITATION PROJECT

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will unveil the Schools Sanitation Project in an event scheduled for 23 September 2014 (Tuesday) at Lehlasedi Secondary School in Shatale, 13H00.

The Department has in its school infrastructure programme for 2014 prioritised the improvement and rehabilitation of school sanitation facilities, provisioning of water and electrification of schools.

The MEC for Education in her 2014/15 Policy and Budget Speech said:

"The Department will ensure that water and sanitation infrastructure improves by constructing 1033 ablution units this financial year".

This is intended to instil a sense of pride, restore dignity and ensure that the conditions for teaching and learning are conducive.

The Department is currently constructing 94 sanitation units in six schools within the Bohlabela Distinct at an allocation of R3.5 million.

The schools that are benefiting from this noble endeavour are:

Casteel, Maphuthaditjaba, Skhila, Ximoyi Khosa, LM Kganane and Letshele.

In addition, 279 sanitation units will be constructed through the Department of Public Works, Roads and Transport in 17 schools from the four districts. This project is expected to be completed in January 2015. The department has set R19.02 million aside towards his project.

Equally the Department has set aside R30 million towards the provisioning of 442 sanitation units and providing water supply in four schools.

The Media is invited.

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