



**To : News Editors**

**Subject: First Special School for Bushbuckridge Local Municipality**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education will officially handover the first, state of the art, special school for learners within the Bushbuckridge Local Municipality on Thursday, 16 October 2014.

Tsakani Special School is a fully fledged special school which is situated at SamMkhabela Village which was previous known as Orpen Gate.

The school caters for learners with severe disabilities from the surrounding areas such as Mkhuhlu, Thulamahashi, Manyeleti, Shatale, Acornhoek and Casteel.

The school consists of an administration block, ten classrooms, a main hall, four workshops, a double garage, media centre, change room, guard's room and 34 toilets.

The school became operational on Tuesday, 09 September 2014 with an enrolment of 111 learners, 11 educators, three administration staff members, 18 teacher assistants, a general foreman, four cleaners, and four grounds men.

The curriculum of the school is divided into three learning areas namely literacy, numeracy and life skills.

The MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule, and her counterpart MEC for the Department of Public Works Roads and Transport, Mrs Dumisile Nhlengethwa, will grace the occasion of the handover.

"We were delighted that this project came to fruition showcasing our profound commitment to ensure that government will do everything and anything to limit barriers to education," said the MEC.

The event will start at 10H00.

All media is invited.

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