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**TO : THE NEWS EDITORS**

**FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**DATE : 22 MAY 2015**

**SUBJECT : THE MEC GRACES THE LAUNCH OF A COMPREHENSIVE GUIDE TO EFFECTIVE AND EFFICIENT SGB'S AND VISITS NELSPRUIT PRIMARY SCHOOL ON AFRICA DAY.**

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The MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule will attend the occasion of the Launch of "A Comprehensive Guide to Effective and Efficient SGB" that is published by the National Association of School Governing Bodies (NASGB).

The guide looks at the policy framework that governs the roles and responsibilities of School Governing Bodies (SGBs), challenges that confront SGBs in the execution of their tasks; the guide also aims to provide tips on addressing those challenges and also details the role of the National Association of SGBs.

The event is scheduled as follows:

**Date : 23 May 2015 (Saturday)**

**Venue : Cradle of Life, Badplaas**

**Time : 09H30 for 10H00**

On **Monday 25 May 2015** (Africa Day), the MEC for Education will visit Nelspruit Primary School to witness the teaching of African Languages. This is part of an effort to promote and preserve the indigenous languages.

The visit is scheduled for **07H30** at Nelspruit Primary School, Mbombela Local Municipality.

In her Policy and Budget Speech the MEC said regarding this issue:

*"Tsine sibemdzabu Wase Africa, we are proud Africans and our being is embodied in Ubuntu.*

*We embrace diversity which is enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and will do anything and everything to ensure that our schools inculcate the essence of social cohesion, respect for human rights and reconciliation.*

*We are mindful that language plays a significant role in the realisation of what I have mentioned above.*

*So far, there are **39** schools which are currently piloting the teaching of African Languages. The information at my disposal is that the pilot was well received and is progressing well.*

*The Department will put systems in place to ensure that in the near future there must be no school that does not teach an African language.*

*The Department has set aside **R7.5 million** to achieve this noble goal.”*

From the visit the MEC will join the Provincial Africa day Celebration at KaMhlushwa.

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