

TO: NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS

FROM: MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

DATE: 05 JUNE 2015

MEDIA ADVISORY

MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HOLDS SGB INAUGURAL MEETING, PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS' CHORAL EISTEDDFOD AND HANDOVER OF MAKAUSE SECONDARY SCHOOL

1. The MEC for Education; Mrs Reginah Mhaule will convene an **Inaugural Meeting** with the newly elected members of School Governing Bodies (SGB) of Ehlanzeni and Bohlabela Districts scheduled for **09 June 2015 (Tuesday), Church on the Hill in Mbombela Local Municipality at 14H00.**

These members were elected in the SGB elections held in March 2015 and have been entrusted with overseeing the governance of schools in keeping to the imperatives of the South African Schools Act number 84 of 1996.

The next session for Gert Sibande and Nkangala District is scheduled for the 18th June 2015 at Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

2. On **12 to 14 June 2015** The Mpumalanga Department of Education will hold its **Provincial South African Schools' Choral Eisteddfod** at **Steve Tshwete District Municipality, Banquet Hall (Middleburg), Nkangala District.**

These competitions will begin at 09H00 on all the days.

School choirs that will be participating during this three (03) day extravaganza will be expected to render the African Union Anthem as announced by the President of the Republic of South Africa, Honourable J.G Zuma during the Africa Day Celebrations held recently.

"Starting today every school, church or community, choirs and individuals must practice the African Union anthem, so that we can sing the anthem at all our important gatherings and celebrations to promote patriotism in all citizens," Zuma said.

Choirs that obtained position one and two in their respective district competitions will be participating in this Eisteddfod which is aimed at

educating, entertaining, and inculcating desired social cohesion. The competitions will unfold as follows:

Day One (12 June 2015) : Senior Phase

Day Two (13 June 2015) : FET Band

Day Three (14 June 2015) : Intermediate Phase

The involvement of learners in extramural activities is an important task as it teaches discipline, encourages team work and improves time management skills. It also plays an important role in building learner's self esteem.

All school choirs that will obtain position one (01) in the Provincial Choral Eisteddfod will represent the province in the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod to be held in July.

"I request all parents to support their children in the true sense of the word on this programme because it has a potential to instil a sense of discipline, unearth the hidden talents, improve confidence and expose children to new horizons" Said MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule

3. **On 12 June 2015**, the Minister for Basic Education Mrs Angie Motshekga, Deputy Minister of Mineral Resources, Mr. Godfrey Oliphant and the MEC for Education Mrs Reginah Mhaule will be officially handing over **Makause Secondary School at Emalahleni Local Municipality in Phola Location (Ogies) at 10H00** which was donated by Glencore amounting to **R75 million**.

This is patriotism of the highest degree that must be recorded in our hearts and in the history books of South Africa's growth and development.

"I must on behalf of the people of this province say that we are grateful for this benevolence. We are really thankful to Glencore, Anglo American and to all other private institutions that support the delivery of education in the Mpumalanga", said the MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule.

All media is invited to these events

Issued by the Mpumalanga Department of Education

For enquiries please contact Jasper Zwane at 083 743 1804 or j.zwane@education.mpu.gov.za

