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12 October 2015

The Department in collaboration with ABSA will hand over a set of 50 pairs of shoes to needy learners of Rodebank Primary School in Secunda at Gert Sibande District.

The Department has equally stated a process to do basic renovation of this school after it became clear that it required an improvement in that regard. The visit will also help to take stock of the progress in this regard.

This event will take place at 13H00 at the school

13 October 2015

The Department in collaboration with Sasol Inzalo will handover protective equipment and learning resources to Mpumalanga Techsanel Schools.

This is in keeping to the quest to building technical educational institutions that are safe and well-resourced.

- Protective Clothing (PPC)
- 250 Safety boots
- 50 Welding Helmets
- 50 Welding Gloves
- 50 Welding Aprons
- 250 Goggles
- 250 earmuffs
- 250 nose muffs and
- 300 dust coats

15 Laptops to technology and technical teachers with relevant software and science teaching material

The event will take place at Hazyview Comprehensive in Ehlanzeni District, Mahushu Trust White River.

16 October 2015

All Grade 12 candidates in the country will be expected to sign a code of conduct for the 2015 grade 12 final examination.

The MEC for Education Mrs. Reginah Mhaule will visit Orhovelani Secondary School in Bohlabela District at 07H00 to observe this signing and to encourage all learners to be well behaved during and after the examination.

Mpumalanga Province has for the past five years managed an incident free and credible examination processes and has improved learner performance as well.

I pledge to uphold the principles of honesty and integrity in this examination by:

- (i) Complying with all the rules and regulations relevant to the National Senior Certificate examination.*
 - (ii) Following the instruction of the invigilator during the writing of the examination.*
 - (iii) Not being influenced, in any way, to cheat in the examination.*
 - (iv) Not participating in any wrongdoing which includes, but not limited to: copying, being in possession of unauthorized material or electronic devices (example cell phone), accepting or providing assistance to another candidate, writing on behalf of another candidate or any other unauthorized action.*
 - (v) Reporting any form of wrongdoing that I am aware of to the school principal.*
- I make these promises solemnly, freely without any undue influence upon my honour.*

National Teaching Awards

From Orhovelani Secondary School the MEC for Education will officiate on the occasion of the National Teaching Awards which will take place at the National Kruger National Park at 12H00

The National Teaching Awards (NTA) scheme conceptualized and launched in 2000 now enters its fifteenth year of implementation.

The department, through this scheme, wants to recognize and appreciate the tireless efforts made by the teachers in ensuring that excellence in education delivery is accelerated.

Annually the Department hosts functions giving award to such deserving teachers, the functions serve as a platform to give teachers a greater sense of purpose by encouraging them to acquire skills to fulfill the responsibilities they are charged with.

The categories of excellence, in which teachers can participate as individuals or as teams of not more than 5 members per category are.

- Excellence in Primary School Teaching
- Excellence in Secondary School Teaching
- Excellence in Primary School Leadership
- Excellence in Secondary School Leadership
- Excellence in Grade R Teaching
- Excellence in Inclusive Education and Special Needs Teaching
- Lifetime Achievement Award

The categories established in 2012 are:

- The Professor Kader Asmal Award
- The People's Choice Award

The categories established in 2013 are:

- Excellence in Science Teaching
- Excellence in Mathematics Teaching

The media is invited to all the above mentioned events.

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