1. On Monday, **13 October 2014**, the MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will visit **Gedlembane Secondary School** in Mbombela Local Municipality to address learners and all staff members at the school. The support visit is scheduled to start at **07h00** with the morning assembly with all learners.

2. On Thursday, **16 October 2014**, the the MEC for Education, Mrs Reginah Mhaule will officially handover **Tsakane Special School** in an event scheduled to commence at **12h00**. Tsakane Secondary School is situated in Acornhoek, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality.

3. **On Friday, 17 October 2014 at 07H00**, the MEC will witness the signing of a pledge by the Grade 12 learners. This will be done at Dlomodlomo Secondary School in Elukwatini in Gert Sibande District.

Still on **17 October 2014**, the Department will convene the National Teaching Awards Ceremony at the Gert Sibande District Offices in Ermelo at **17H00**.

The National Teaching Awards are an innovative method of awarding excellence in teaching displayed by the individuals that have been nominated and will be honoured on the day in the following categories:

- Excellence in Primary School Teaching
- Excellence Secondary School Teaching
- Excellence in Primary School Leadership
- Excellence in Secondary School Leadership
- Excellence in Grade R Teaching
- Excellence in Special Needs and Inclusive Teaching
- Excellence in Technology- Enhanced, Teaching and Learning Award
- Excellence in Mathematics Teaching (FET)
- Excellence in Physical Science teaching
- Lifetime Achievement Award
All Media is invited to participate in these activities.

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