

**Remarks by the MEC for Education, Mr. Bonakele Majuba at  
the occasion of the School Infrastructure Improvement  
Monitoring visit to Mgobodzi Primary School in Nkomazi  
Local Municipality on 18 April 2024.**

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Executive Mayor of Nkomazi Local Municipality, **Cllr Phindile  
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Members of the District Management Team

Circuit Manager, **Mrs. MT Khoza**

Principal, **Mr. NJ Nkosi**

Members of the School Management Team

Teachers

Representatives of Education Sector Unions

Representatives from the Media

Parents

Ladies and Gentlemen

Comrades and Friends

## Sanibonani

We are truly grateful for the progress attained in the development of this physical school infrastructural project we are all witnessing today.

This is a confirmation of a promise made and a promise kept to foster quality education delivery favorable to a conducive a teaching and learning environment.

We are indeed proud to be involved in the construction of the state of the art, Mgobodzi Primary School which will soon be representation of a transformed learning landscape.

The project encompasses the construction of a brand new **administration block** which will provide a professional and welcoming environment outlook and feel for the schools' members of staff and visitors.

Furthermore, nineteen **(19) classrooms** have been built to offer learners with well-equipped and welcoming setting to learn and grow.

In line with the demands of modern learning and nurturing a spirit of scientific inquiry, a dedicated **science laboratory** has been constructed which will allow learners to engage in practical experimentation and discovery.

This project extends beyond the traditional classrooms setting to encompass the holistic development of learners in a scientific and technology driven world.

**A new library** has been established, fostering a love for reading and providing access to a wealth of knowledge.

The library must be a reservoir of knowledge and our learners must be made to use it maximally to instill a culture of reading to do away with the assertion that says, **“If you want to hide something for a black person, put it in writing”** because you know they won't attempt to read it.

This school will have a well-equipped kitchen facility to ensure that learners receive their nutritious meals, supporting their physical and mental well-being.

**Two dedicated Grade R Centres** have been built to provide a nurturing and stimulating environment for early childhood development.

For the management and administration of the safety and security of the school community, **a guardhouse** is constructed.

The school's visual appeal has been enhanced with the **installation of clear view fence**, creating a sense of openness and security.

We wish to encourage the school governing body and the community of Mgobodzi to take pride in their new school.

We urge them to keep it clean and to beautify the school grounds with flowers and trees.

To promote environmental awareness and healthy eating habits, we further encourage the SGB to establish a food garden.

The school vegetable garden will not only provide fresh produce for the school nutrition programme but also offer learners valuable hands-on learning experiences in agricultural sciences and sustainability.

Programme Director, we want to emphasize the importance of creating a safe and secure learning environment for all learners and teachers.

The school community must work together to ensure that the school is free from crime, drugs, gangsters and weapon trafficking.

A strong emphasis should be placed on learner discipline.

A well-disciplined learning environment fosters respect, promotes focus, and allows students to reach their full potential must be created in this school.

We are confident that Mgobodzi Primary School will become a beacon of academic excellence, nurturing future generations of leaders and innovators.

Let me borrow the wise words of Nelson Mandela who once said:

***"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."***

This school is intended to be a state-of-the-art facility, coupled with a commitment that paves the way for a brighter future for academic achievement, excellence and personal growth.

## **Conclusion**

As a community and a school, you now have all the reasons to celebrate **the 30 years of the democratic change in South Africa**, because you see that against a number of good things that the current government has done, you also have this beautiful school to be proud of.

The completion of the Mgobodzi Primary School improvement project marks a significant milestone in our history.

We invite the entire community to join us in celebrating this achievement and to work together to ensure that Mgobodzi Primary School becomes a thriving centre of learning and opportunity for generations to come.

No one must be left behind.

**Nginyabonga**