



# Message From MEC Siphosezwe Masango

The 2007 school year has come and is almost over, leaving us with fond memories to treasure for the rest of our lives. Memories on how imperative it is to work together for a common cause. Our cause, being a collective responsibility to accelerate all efforts aimed at Opening the Doors Of Learning and of Culture to All.

In this context, we were able to rally side-by-side with all stakeholders in our quest to enhance excellence in our schools.

In this endeavour, the Department has convened important sessions on teacher development; chats with school principals; held a conference on indigenous languages, held Niyabonwa Indaba; in an effort to achieve sustainable outcomes for the enhancement of effective teaching and learning.

A notable positive spin-off is that our schools are showing signs of embracing the National symbols. The proper singing of the National Anthem and the hoisting of the National flags by our schools are an indication that we are heading towards the right direction in preserving our heritage.

Also noticed across the Province is that almost all of our schools are beginning to establish food gardens and to plant trees in line with the Provincial Heritage, Greening Mpumalanga and Tourism Flagship. Indeed, environmental consciousness and waste management remain an integral part of our day to day teaching and learning processes.

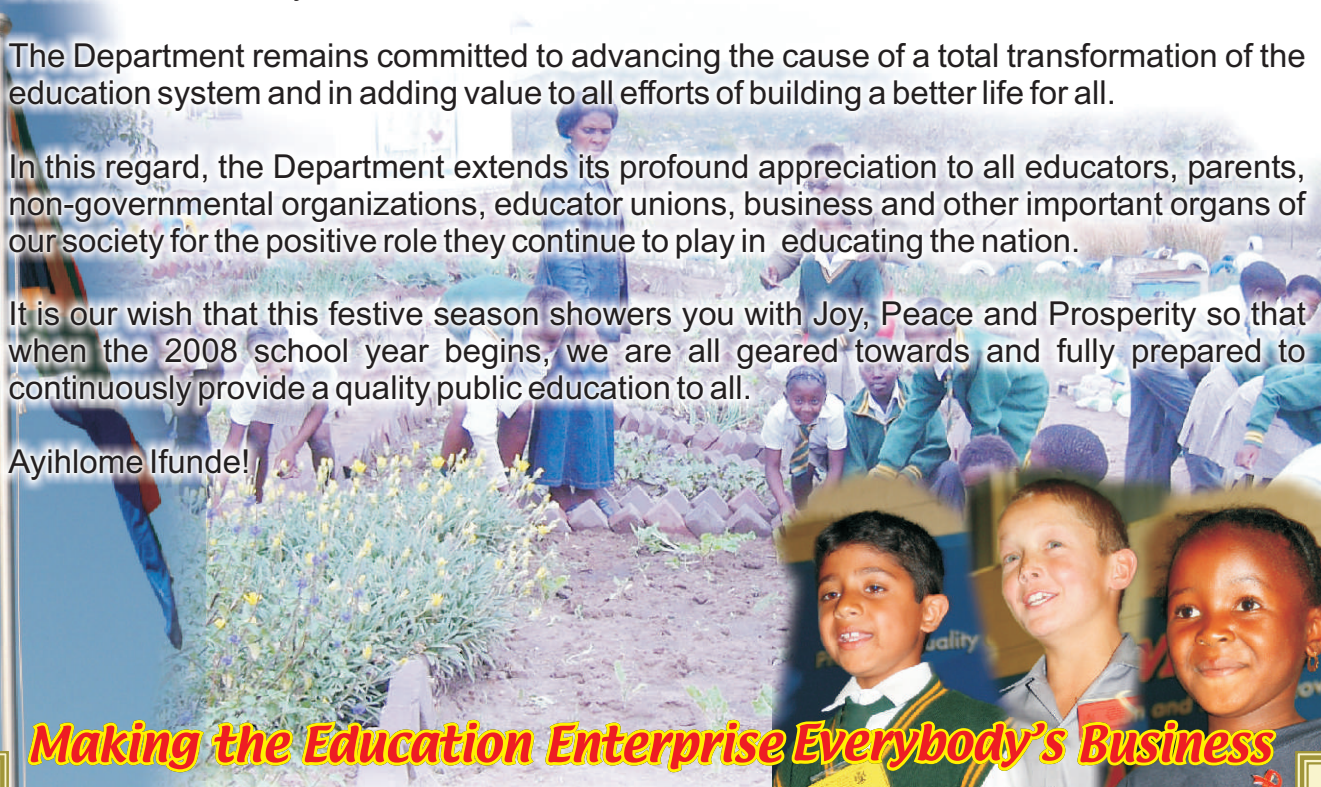
Of significance, is that our communities are showing an interest like never before in the affairs of schools and in the context of Making the Education Enterprise Everybody's Business. Indeed Ayihlome Ifunde!

The Department remains committed to advancing the cause of a total transformation of the education system and in adding value to all efforts of building a better life for all.

In this regard, the Department extends its profound appreciation to all educators, parents, non-governmental organizations, educator unions, business and other important organs of our society for the positive role they continue to play in educating the nation.

It is our wish that this festive season showers you with Joy, Peace and Prosperity so that when the 2008 school year begins, we are all geared towards and fully prepared to continuously provide a quality public education to all.

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