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The MEC for Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule is impressed with the progress made in the construction of KaMhlushwa Primary School in Sidlamafa.

This comes after the MEC visited the site to assess progress. "I am really delighted at the way the construction is going on here. This is good and has to be appreciated. The school is almost ready to receive learners come next year.

I want to take this time to express my profound appreciation to the contractor and the construction team for working around the clock. Everything is of high quality and the levels of dedication are encouraging," said MEC Mhaule

KaMhlushwa Primary was supposed to be constructed in **two** phases, however the contractor has already commenced with both phases.

Phase one consist of Grade R Centre: 1, Classrooms: 24, Admin block, Toilets: 30, Fence, Electricity and Water and is expected to end by 10 January 2011.

Phase two includes a Computer Center ,Library , Kitchen, Ramps & Rails, three Sports Grounds, Car Park and will end is September 2011.

This is a **R42 million** project which will be implemented on a fast track mode.

This is an endeavour to alleviate overcrowding and to enhance teaching and learning.

Learners who will attend at this school are currently placed at Hoechst Primary School in makeshift structures.

The construction of KaMhlushwa Primary School will be a huge relief for the people of Sidlamafa Village.



In addition, the Departmental Schools Infrastructure Plan focuses on the following projects:

- Eradication of **235** unsafe structures at an amount of **215** million
- Fixing of storm Damaged Schools

The storm damaged schools that are irreparable; the Department has set aside **R20.1 million** to rebuild.

For those that are reparable, the Department has set aside 13.5 million to fix those.

- Procurement of Mobile Classes as and when they are needed to address challenges caused by storms and 12 million is set aside.
- Two new schools are going to be constructed in this financial year at Piet Rietief (Mkhondo Municipality) namely, Inqubeko and Ubuhle Secondary School. This will alleviate overcrowding of schools in Piet Retief.
- In addition, the Department will construct two boarding Schools in Gert Sibande Region; one Twyfelhoek (98 million is set aside for this one) and the other in Amsterdam.
- The Department will also be recapitalizing five technical high Schools in this financial year at and has set aside **7 million** towards this endeavour. This schools includes
 - Mphanama High School
 - Bonginsimbi High School
 - Ramashidi High School and
 - Mabande High School
- The Department will also build **19** Grade R Centres at an amount of 12,5 million
- Lastly ,The Department will in this financial year construct four Special Schools for learners with severe disabilities namely:
 - Thokomala Special School
 - Mantjedi Special School
 - Masinakane Special School and
 - Pelonolo Special School

The following two additional special schools are also in a process for construction.

- Thanduxholo and
- Wolvenkop

All this is in line with the objectives of government to ensure conducive environment for learning and teaching to take place. Communities are argued to take jealously care of these facilities.

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