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**SUBJECT : SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS CHORAL EISTEDDFOD
(NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP)**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education, Mrs. Reginah Mhaule takes this opportunity to congratulate all choirs who represented the Province at the South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod National Championships on 31 June to 03 July 2011.

Of the **31** choirs that represented the province **13** were able to feature between positions one to three.

The display by these Provincial Choirs was of high standard and indeed was able to fly the provincial flag high.

The MEC extends her profound appreciation to educators, parents', choir conductors and to the learners who participated in these competitions. To this effect, she said:

"Music has a power of shaping character and it must be introduced to children at an early age. It is based on this context, that Government saw it befitting to initiate the School Choral Eisteddfod in 2000 to:

Use school music competitions and festivals as a vehicle to instill acceptable value-systems based on the principles enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996.

Unify the fragmented school music events into a single nationally and provincially organized, managed, coordinated and monitored annual school music competition and to;

Mobilize communities to play a direct role in the restoration of the culture of learning and teaching through cultural events such as school music competitions and/or festival

We are equally delighted that the School Choral Eisteddfod has grown in leaps and bounds and has become a sustainable programme in the calendar of Education activities.

Below are the schools that achieved outstanding result:

Thursday (31 June 2011)

KG Malaza Primary School (SSA Sextets; Gloria Patri) position 02

Sakhisizwe Primary School (SATB Mixed Double Quartet) position 03

Sakhisizwe Primary School (Mixed Choirs African) position 02

Sakhisizwe Primary School (SATB Choir: The National Anthem of the Republic of South Africa) position 03

Friday (01 July 2011)

Emseni Junior Secondary School (Mezzo Soprano Concert Solo) position 01

KJ Malaza Junior Secondary School (SSA Sextets) position 01

Mavimbela Junior Secondary School (Mixed Choirs Western) position 02

Saturday (02 July 2011)

Mabothe Secondary School (Female Voices Choirs) position 02

Moses Mnisi Secondary School (Mixed Choirs Western) position 03

Sitintile Secondary School (HIV/AIDS Jingle & Folklore Item) position 03

Sunday (03 July 2011)

Lindile Secondary School (Soprano Opera Solo) position 03

Greendale Combined School (Open own Choice Category) position 02

Jandrell Secondary School (Mixed Choirs) position 02

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