

Speaking notes for the MEC for Education for the occasion of Mandela Day Celebration 18 July 2009 at Silindokuhle Special School

- Acknowledge the presence of the following personalities
 - ✓ Executive Mayor: Cllr MJ Mavuso
 - ✓ Acting Head of Department :
 - ✓ Representatives from Business
 - ✓ Representatives from the House of Traditional Leadership
 - ✓ Councilors
 - ✓ Members of Senior Management
 - ✓ Political Parties present
 - ✓ Government Institutions and Officials
 - ✓ Media Institutions
- Explain the role of Madiba in Uniting South Africans
- Extend profound appreciation to President Jacob Zuma for the call made to all South Africans to do something worthwhile.
- Appreciate the community's heed to the call.
- Appreciate the role that business has played in making the event a success.

The following worth mentioning:

- TSB : Donated building material such as doors, window glasses, welding material.
- FNB : Donated linen, paint and workforce
- MRTT : Donated the Birthday Cake and food for guests.
- SAPPI : Donated trees
- Johan Sibiya Promotion: Donated a Sound System for today and will be paying labour for all welding
- Ehlanzeni District Municipality : Donated blankets
- Nkomazi Municipality : Provided cleaning, grading services and labour

- SABC Education is making live crossings and SABC TV for coverage
- African National Congress Nkomazi Branch

The Department will:

- Ensure that the school benefit for the first time in its National School Nutrition Programme.
- Hand over of Five Braille Machines.
- Expand the vegetable garden
- Hand over 150 mattresses.

Extend profound appreciation to the Educators, School Management Team under the leadership of Mrs. Shabangu (Principal), School Governing Body and Learners.

Extend appreciation to the Executive Mayor for the pivotal role that his office played towards the success of this noble endeavour.

Commend the community for attending and for participating in the programme as well as all structures, non-governmental organizations, officials from government and every person who participated in the programme.

Request the house to sing a birthday song for Madiba and wish him well on his Birthday.

Encourage everyone to participate meaningfully in the activities of the day.

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