

**REMARKS BY THE MEC FOR EDUCATION, MR SIPHOSEZWE
MASANGO ON THE OCCASION OF THE MEETING WITH RCLs
IN BUSHBUCKRIDGE**

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Ladies and Gentlemen

We are on course to educate the nation!

I feel deeply honoured and privileged to be afforded this opportunity of talking to important people like you.

You are important because of the key leadership positions you occupy in your respective schools.

- Learner leaders are important components of the school community
- As leaders you have an important role to play in ensuring:
 - (a) that your schools remain Centres of Excellence
 - (b) the observance of school regulations
 - (c) that discipline is maintained by fellow learners
 - (d) that you are exemplary and lead by example

- Success in a school, will not be realized if there is no co-operation between learners, educators and parents.
- As learner leaders, you should stand firm against:
 - * Drug abuse
 - * Gangsterism
 - * Child and woman abuse
 - * Vandalism
- Let us strive to emulate the leadership qualities shown by the learner leaders of yesteryear, like the late Cde. Ephraim Mogale.
- With South Africa increasingly being an important international roleplayer, the country needs to produce quality citizens who will be able to play a meaningful role in the global arena.
- Study hard in preparation for a takeover of all the key and strategic leadership positions in the country.

You must be prepared to face the challenges posed by:

NEPAD

WC 2010

Skills shortages (SASOL CAMDEN, etc)

Congratulations for having been elected to this very important and key roles in your schools.

Your election to these positions, did not happen by accident but because there are leadership traits that have been identified by your peers which you need to develop further. In his book, *Secrets of Success*, Marko Saravanja, has this to say about planning: “If you don’t plan, you plan to fail. When you set goals, they work two ways - you work for them and they work for your.

Translate your vision into a business plan. Set goals for the rest of your life - and break them into yearly, monthly and weekly targets. Be disciplined, persevere and monitor your goals continuously - and experience a joy of accomplishing them. Successful people are great strategists and planners.

They always plan a few steps ahead, they are pro-active and they plan for risks and contingencies. They manage the future instead of allowing the future to manage them. Planning is a source of their confidence, direction and strength.

Experience the power of your mind - what you think you become. If nurtured over a period of time, ideas transform into a reality. Plan and succeed. Awaken your potential knowing that the power of planning is within you.”

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