ISOLEMAMBA SURPASSES EXPECTATIONS

Isolemamba Senior Secondary School, located at Folweni South of Durban has surprised many people by improving its results from 20.99% in 2011 to 94.75% in 2012 National Senior Certificate results. Isolemamba is one of the schools that disappointed MEC Senzo Mchunu in 2011 because of its poor results.

After the dismal 2011 results, the MEC instructed the districts to pay more attention to Isolemamba and all other schools that performed poorly. “Following the district visits to poor performing schools, we designed intervention programmes to address the challenges that we found. These interventions resulted in some schools including Cwakeme Secondary move from 28.75% in 2011 to 96.08% in 2012 and Isolemamba Secondary move from 20.99% in 2011 to 94.75% in 2012,” proudly said the MEC Mchunu while making his speech at the ICC during the release of NSC 2012 results.

The Principal of Isolemamba, Mr Trueman Khomo, expressed his gratitude to the Department for the support that he got following 2011 results. “I would like to thank the Department, especially uMlazi District for all the support given to the school,” he said.

Asked what they did differently this time, Khomo, who joined the school in June 2011, said nothing beats hard work, passion and dedication. “Since the beginning of January our learners started school at six in the morning and came out at six in the afternoon – this we did throughout the year until we started writing the exams,” said Mr Khomo beaming with pride for his school’s achievement. Khomo also thanked the teachers, the SGB and the community for believing in his vision.

Isolemamba starts from Grade 10 and ends in Grade 12. It is one of the schools that the MEC talks about in the recently launched programme called Transformation of the Schooling System in KwaZulu-Natal. Among many things that this programme seeks to address, it is to ensure that there are only two types of schools, namely, Primary Schools and Secondary Schools. Khomo is ecstatic that from this year his school is going to have Grade 8 which will move to Grade 9 next year, thereby ensuring that Isolemamba is a fully fledged Secondary school.

With all these interventions from the Department, Khomo promises nothing but 100% this year.

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