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“We have a Good Story to Tell”

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KZN National Teaching Awards Ceremony

“Excellence in Grade R Teaching was awarded to Ms AM Makumela of Hopewell Primary School. She receives her NTA from the KZN MEC for Education, Ms NP Nkonyeni and from the HoD, Dr Sishi.”

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“The good education story that we often tell, is as a result of our dedicated teachers, some of whom we are going to be honouring today. Ladies and Gentlemen, despite what the doomsayers would want our people to believe, we have a good story to tell when it comes to education in the last 20 years. In all our education successes as this government, teachers have always been at the centre. We salute our teachers for their display of patriotism, dedication and passion, sometimes under difficult conditions.” said the KZN MEC for Education, Ms NP Nkonyeni at the KZN Provincial National Teaching Awards Ceremony held on Tuesday, 18 March 2014 at the Teacher Development Institute in Durban.

Speaking to the teachers, senior officials in the Department and social partners, she said, “Under the ANC-led government, we have achieved universal access to education. It is now compulsory for children between the ages of 7 and 15 to be in school.”

The NTA is a programme aimed at acknowledging, recognizing, rewarding and saluting creative excelling and dedicated teachers for their extra-ordinary efforts often achieved under difficult conditions in service to children, schools and communities.

Also in his brief remarks, the HoD: Education, Dr Sishi said, “We recognise our teacher’s contributions to education. Critics say there is a gap between policy and practice. We are proud of employing 90 000 teachers teaching 2.8 million learners to develop them, be assessors, curriculum specialist and pastoral care. He emphasized that, our teachers are links to the communities we serve as government. We salute our teachers and I ask you to jointly read the Educator’s Pledge.”

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