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MEC MSHENGU MEETINGS WITH DISTRICTS MANCO

PMB - The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Mshengu, is on the spirited expedition to meet with all the 12 District Management Committees (MANCO) in the Province.

The aim of the visits by the MEC accompanied by the HOD, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, DDG's and Chief Directors, is to assist especially the struggling Districts, with the aim of improving the education outcomes of all the Districts.

Today, 10 June 2022, the MEC is met with the MANCO of Uthukela District, where he spent the whole day, dealing with all the issues that are faced by the District, and together with Senior Managers from Head Office, immediately dealt with all the matters raised by the District.

Where there are schools that have shortages of educators, the DDG Corporate Services and the Chief Director Human Resources Services, will have to directly deal with those issues.

This approach relates to issues pertaining to infrastructure, curriculum delivery and other programmes that support districts to perform optimally.

“At the beginning of the year, having developed our Provincial Academic Improvement Plan, we said no District should perform below 80%. This is the reason why we decided to start with the Districts that seem to be struggling in order to assist them and “push” them to the desired outcomes,” said the MEC, who aluded, since the classroom is the centrepiece of all the activities of the Department, they are going to spend very little time in the offices.

The crusade to jolt all the Districts to perform optimally, started early this year with the District's accountability sessions, where the entire District had to account to the MEC and HoD as to why there are schools that performed below 40%.

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“As it was the case with the accountability sessions, with these Districts MANCO Meetings, even officials from the Head Office, from the HoD, DDG’s and Chief Directors of different programmes, have to account if the presentation by the Districts indicates that they did not get the necessary support from the Head Office,” asserted the MEC.

Among the injunctions made by the MEC, based on the presentation of the District MANCO were that:

- The Department deals with displaced educators who refuse to move to schools where they are supposed to teach.
- The Department deals decisively with the issues of community members who refuse certain educators/principals at schools as well as parents who just close down schools if they have issues with schools.
- A security plan to deal with the issues of drugs at schools, especially on Uthukela District, must be developed.

“Head Office must take over the infrastructure matters of the District until there is a proper turnaround strategy to turn things around,” said the MEC.

These full day meetings with District MANCOs are going to continue to all other Districts in the Province.

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