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MEC MSHENGU LAUNCHES BOREHOLES PROGRAM TO ADDRESS WATER SHORTAGES IN RURAL SCHOOLS

It is no secret that some schools in KwaZulu-Natal, particularly in rural areas, are without basic water and sanitation. It is against this very background that the MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, the honourable, Mr Kwazi Mshengu has decided to introduce the boreholes program to address water shortages in schools.

This initiative is expected to benefit more than 1 000 schools. It will also help ease the financial burden from the Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal as costs associated with the provision of water will be reduced considerably.

"The availability of clean water in our schools will positively impact health and learning outcomes, particularly for rural & township learners who are the back of the beyond. We really want to equip our children to be able to compete and excel regardless of their background" - remarked MEC Mshengu.

The boreholes program will be spread to all Districts in KwaZulu-Natal.

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