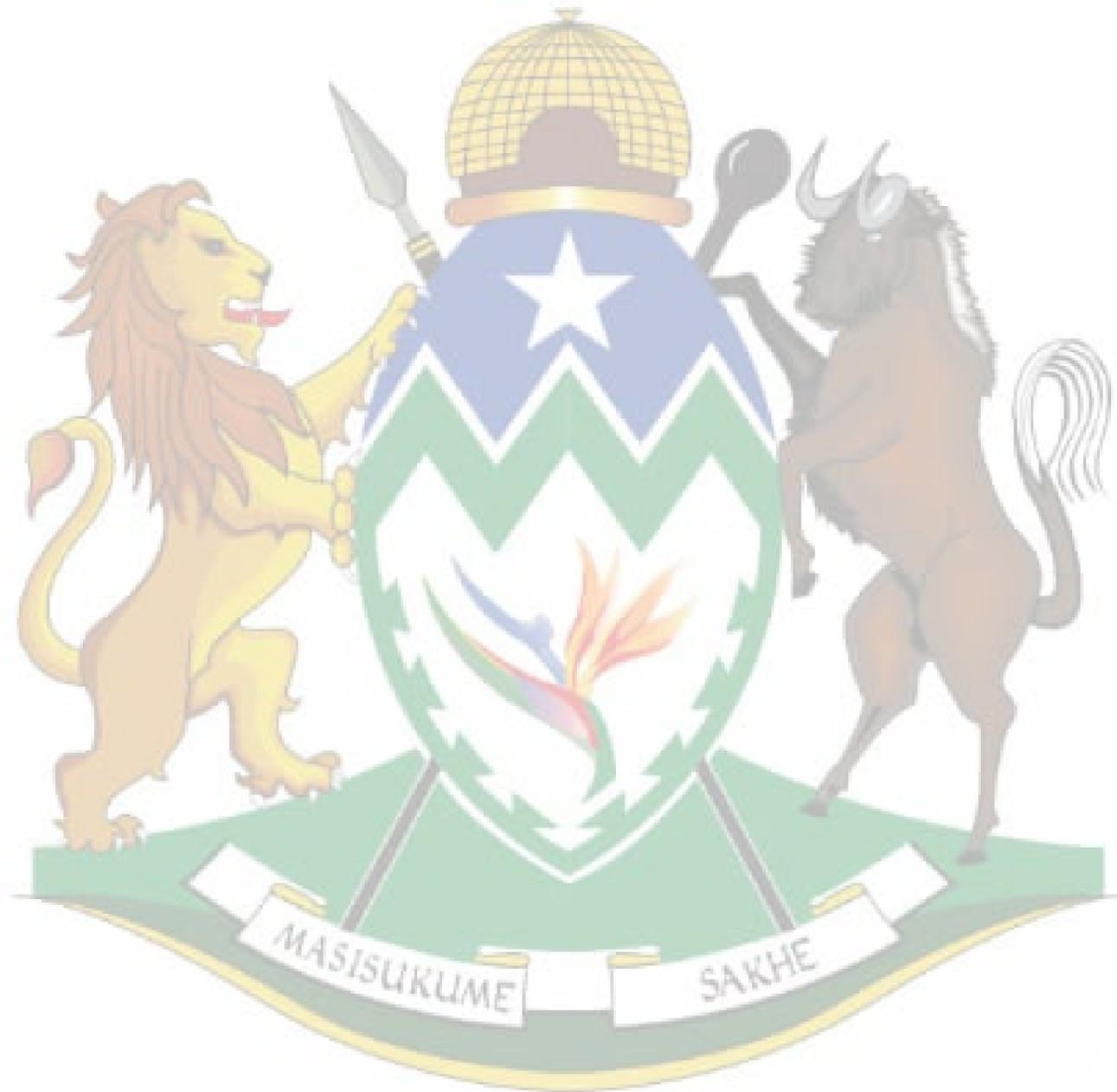




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# 46<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF JUNE 16 COMMEMORATION

## Tribute to the Soweto uprising & recognising the role of the youth in the liberation of South Africa

The Office of the Premier hosted the Annual Provincial Youth Day Commemoration event at the Nordale Sports Field, in Mtubatuba Local Municipality under UMkhanyakude District, on the 16th of June 2022. The purpose of the event was to pay tribute to the students that fought against the apartheid regime and also to recognise the role of the youth in the liberation of South Africa.

The Premier of KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Sihle Zikalala encouraged the youth to use every opportunity that the government provides for them, and also to use their knowledge and skills to create employment and fight the high level of youth unemployment in South Africa. "Young people should be youthful, young people must be alive, and they must be full of energy, full of ideas and they must always have impact," said the Premier. He also congratulated students

who benefited from the Youth Business Fund and Government bursaries. The Premier began the event by launching the career exhibition where 50 Grade 11 learners from local High schools in Mtubatuba were invited to attend. The premier touched on the importance of education and encourage learners to do research before choosing a career path that a learner would like to embark on, and what learners are required to do before choosing a certain subject.

The MEC for Education, Mr Kwazi Mshengu was the program director for the event. A team from the Department of education, communication and publications was part of the exhibition where they handed out awareness pamphlets about drug abuse, teenage pregnancy, human trafficking, and covid 19 to the learners.

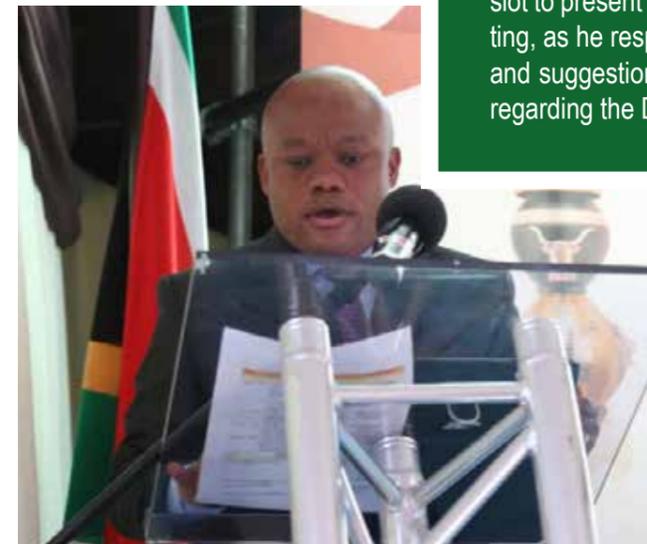


# 2022 YOUTH PARLIAMENT PROGRAMME

## Response from the MEC Kwazi Mshengu to questions and Suggestions from the youth about the KZN DOE



KwaZulu-Natal Legislature hosted Youth Parliament Sitting, at Inkosi Mzondeni Hall, KwaMsane, Mtubatuba local municipality under UMkhanyakude District, on the 17th of June, 2022. The MEC for Education Mr Kwazi Shengu was offered a slot to present at the Youth Parliament sitting, as he responded to all the questions and suggestions the young delegate had regarding the Department of Education.



# SOCIAL COHESION THROUGH SCHOOL SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE



Social Cohesion through sports, arts and culture, event held at oHlange High School in iNanda, 23rd of May 2022. The KZN Provincial Executive Council resolved that departments must have different activities in the area of Phoenix and Inanda as part of building social cohesion amongst these communities. Beyond the issues of looting and violence becoming an unfortunate circumstance, today's event was all about turning a new leaf through Arts and Sports. The games were specifically directed at schools that are of Black and Indian origin. In a gesture of cleansing the society in all racial attitudes. Some of the schools that were present was Esselen Primary, Northlen Primary, Mountainview Sec, Verulam Sec and Anton Lembede Academy.

In opening of the event, the MEC, Kwazi Mshengu, the HOD, Nkosinathi Ngcobo along with Chief Director for Rural & Inclusive Education, Jabu Khoza and other Government Officials lighted a candle in the Gravesite of Mafukuzela Gandhi and Dr John Langalibalele Dube. The MEC furtherly delivered his speech and said, " we are also here

to commit to the founders like President John Langalibalele Dube and all those who commit to give light because of their legacy into achieving a united front within the community."



Netball and Soccer kick-started at the stadium, as well as the debate which was the highlight of the day. The motion of the debate was: This house believes that protest and civil unrest is detrimental to Social Cohesion and both teams did exceptionally well. The opposition side won because they managed to argue and bring forth their points. The Learners names: Clementine T Miti, Zahira Salod and Snakhokonke Shabange who was the best debater for the evening. Looking at the Proposition side, they failed to breakdown the topic to convince their point. The learner names: Emma Makanaka, Zoey Givindsamy and Shreya K Ramluckan.

The HOD took the debate to another level when he challenged both teams with questions and learners were able to raise their opinions with conviction and left us with something to remember.



# SPORTS DAY AGAINST CRIME

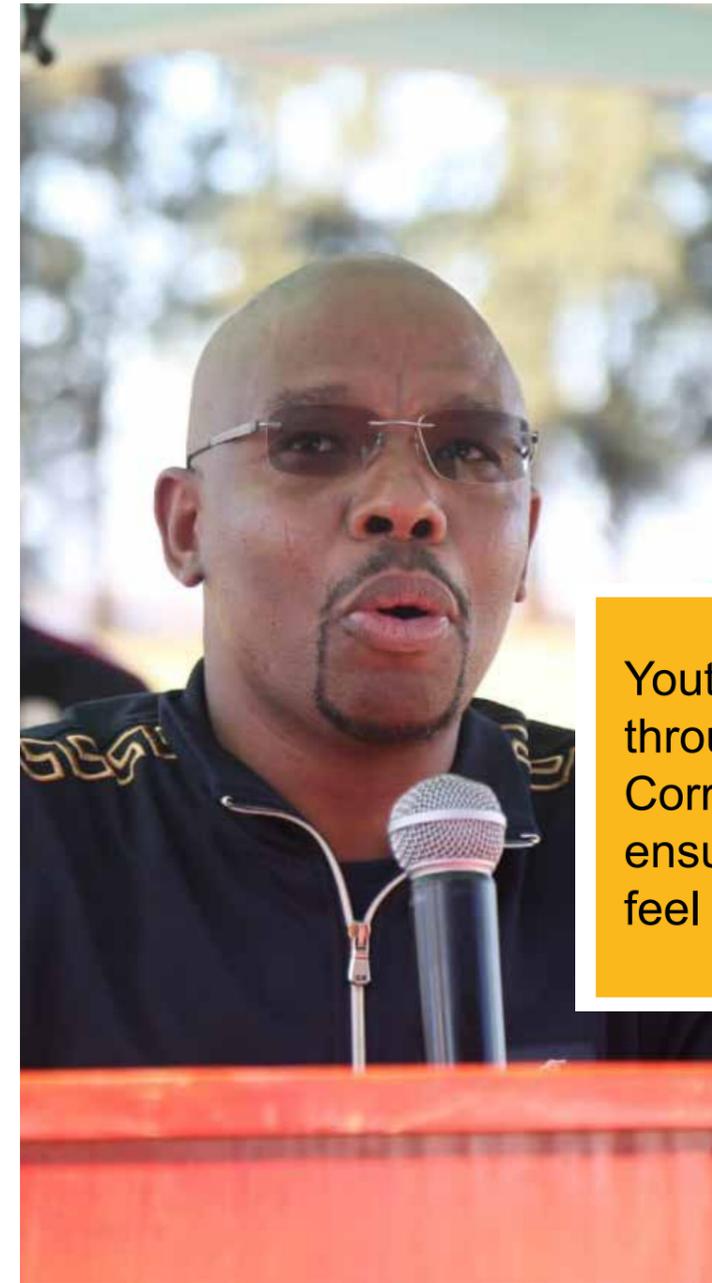


**Youth Day Celebration**

The MEC, Kwazi Mshengu attended the Youth Day Celebration through sports event that was held at the Westville Correctional Facility on 26 June 2022. The purpose of the ceremony was to tighten the integration between the four departments, which are the Community Safety and Liason, the South African Police Services, Correctional Services and the Department of Education and also to commemorate June 16 of 1976.

As the mandate of the South African government, every year the youth day is supposed to be remembered by everyone in the country. This year the four departments collaboratively decided that this day be celebrated at the Westville Correctional Services Centre so that offenders may not feel like they have been abandoned by the society. MEC Mshengu gave the key note address where he expressed how pleased he was to see the Police Members playing soccer with the offenders whereas in other moments they chase one another. In his remarks the MEC as he addressed the inmates said, "today we are here to make emphasis of the kind of society we want to build. As government working with the community, have a responsibility to ensure that when each of you gets out of prison, you are well reintegrated in the society."

The education MEC said, he understood that being in prison goes with a stigma. He also mentioned that the reason the government decided to stage the games for the youth day celebration was for the facilitation of the integration between the victims and offenders after they complete their sentences and also to ensure a peaceful society.



**Youth Day Celebration through sports at the Westville Correctional Services ensuring that offenders don't feel neglected by society**



# ICT LAUNCH AT MASIBAMBANE HIGH SCHOOL



Deputy Minister for Basic Education Dr Reginah Mhaule, MEC for Education Mr Kwazi Mshengu and the HOD Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo visited Masibambane High School in Umlazi District to unveil the ICT solution as the Department invested approximately R3, 2 million for ICT resources and R350 000 for the Science consumables. The School received 80 2-in-1 learner tablets, 28 laptops for the teachers, 20 classrooms with whiteboards and data projectors, a smart classroom with smart screen, Science consumables and technology kits, school Wi-Fi network with internet access and an ICT lab that has an interactive ultra-shot throw data projector.



# COGTA YOUTH IN LOCAL GOVERNMENT

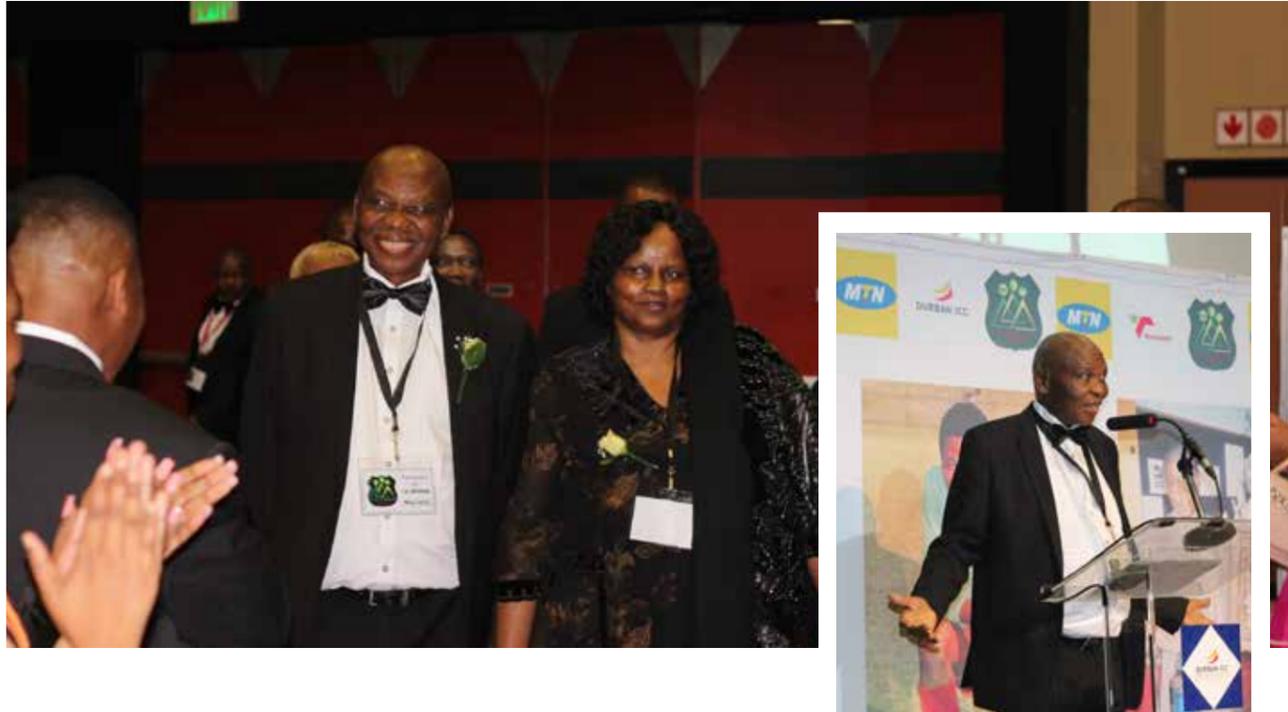
Discussing and finding solutions to challenges faced by the youth in Kwazulu-Natal



On the 25th of June 2022 the MEC for COGTA (Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs) in KwaZulu-Natal Mr Siphon Hlomuka, hosted a youth in local government event which included an educational exhibition, in Newcastle under the Amajuba district. The aspiration of the event was predominantly to discuss and find solutions to challenges faced by the youth in Kwazulu-Natal and also celebrate different roles played by the youth in the territory of local government. There was also a panel of young people with strategic leadership positions within the province and country who shared their insights on some of the challenges that the youth face. One of many challenges that the youth has been facing for a very long time is

the massive financial stress. Honourable Ms Nompandolo Mkhathshwa who is the Chairperson for Higher Education, Science and Technology, during her speech said, "raising of money so that the youth can have access to higher education and also have enough resources to study is one of a few things they need to work on." The youth was reminded that they must constantly work towards their goals and to never forget the pleasing impact they will possess in future. "Young people are the present and future of the country. They have fresh ideas which need to be set free in order for us to solve some of the challenges that are experienced by our country" said the MEC for COGTA Mr Siphon Hlomuka.

# THANKSGIVING OF KWAMGAGA HIGH SCHOOL FORMER PRINCIPAL



The Head of Department (HoD) Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo gave a key note at the Thanksgiving of Mr Vuma Mfeka, who is former principal of KwaMgaga High School. The event was held on Wednesday on the 15th of June. The HoD attended the event on behalf of the MEC for Education Mr Kwazi Mshengu.

In his concluding remarks he said that teachers are the backbone of the education. He also motivated the learners and said that “we should not wait for special occasions such as this to celebrate the work our teachers are doing, we should celebrate it every single day by cooperating in class”.

The purpose of the event was to honour the Principal of KwaMgaga High School Mr Vuma Mfeka, he started teaching at the school in January 1984 to 2010, he made a huge impact in uplifting the school, as he emphasised the liberation of education to learners, he is a very good teacher who treated his colleagues with honour.

The Head of Department in his address said “ as the Department of Basic Education we are honoured to be part of the ceremony to honour the Principal of KwaMgaga High School Mr Mfeka. The Head of Department continues his speech by mentioning how education is the key to everything.



# MENZI HIGH SCHOOL WINTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME MONITORING



Senior officials in the KZNDOE visited Menzi High School in Umlazi under the Umlazi District, who achieved a 100% pass rate in the NSC Examination over a decade.

Nelson Mandela, one is studying chemical engineering in UCT and the other is studying bachelor of Surgel in Medicine at UKZN.

Miss Muntu Ntombela, the Principal of the school said “We don't only produce 100%, we produce quality results, we have achieved 100% pass with 89% Bachelors last year, ten learners got 7 As, one got 100% in mathematics, another learner got 100% in Accounting and one learner received a Ministerial Award in Pretoria this year. We want to maintain the standard for the years to come.” the principal believes in working together with other teachers and helping learners achieve the best.

The principal says the school nutrition programme plays a big role as grade 12 learners start tuition at 6 am to 6 pm, they receive lunch and early supper before they go back home.

The School has a winter school programme and hosts students from other schools. The hosted students say attending the winter school programme has help them alot, they can see the change and the improvement. Some of the students started attending in grade 10 and they are in grade 12 now. Giving back, the tutors, being the former peer educators assist the class of 2022 in preparation for their 2022 Matric Examination. The former peer educators are now enrolled in universities, 2 are doing Medicine at



# SADTU KZN ANNUAL EXCELLENCY AWARDS

**Awarding all schools who obtained 90% and above in the NSC Results for the Class of 2021**



On 21 June 2022 the Head of Department for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo attended the SADTU KZN 2021 Matric Results Annual Excellency Awards. The ceremony was held at Coastlands Hotel – Musgrave in Durban and its purpose was to award all schools who obtained 90% and above in the National Senior Certificate (NSC) Results for the Class of 2021. The Awards were also focused on the Top 3 schools across the education Districts as well as the Top 3 in the 7 SADTU Regions.

The SADTU Provincial Secretary, Nomarashiya Caluza says that the good work done by teachers in the Province can never go unnoticed. She refers to the teachers as the heroes and heroines in the education sector. In her virtual remarks for the ceremony she said, “these teachers have managed to work hard and beyond the call of duty amid the Covid -19 pandemic. We are here to provide a platform for

them to be celebrated and to also encourage and motivate others to do better,” said Caluza.

The Head of Department graced this prestigious event so that he recognizes the teachers, learners and schools for their outstanding performance in the 2021 Matric Results. He also gave the words of support to the Principals. In his remarks Mr Ngcobo said, “Today’s visit is about meeting Principals who are at the face of our victory. Before me sits men and women of value. We are here to honor these teachers,” said the HoD. Mr Ngcobo concluded his speech by expressing the words of his wisdom to the learners and said “The Department has ensured that Rural Schools are upgraded to the standards of those in Urban areas through the Infrastructure development and the implementation of the ICT Programme. No child should be left behind,” he said.

*HoD recognizes the teachers, learners and schools for their outstanding performance in the 2021 Matric Results*

# UMLAZI COMTECH VACATION PROGRAMME MONITORING



The Communications team led by the Head of Communications, Muzi Mahlambi visited Umlazi Comprehensive Technical High School under Umlazi District on the 5th of July 2022. The purpose of the visit was to assess the vacation programme for the learners. Mr Nkosinathi Shandu who became the principal of Umlazi Comtech High School on the 6th of June 2017 stated that he is passionate about education especially for the learners, and is passionate about bringing change in the school environment.

Mr Shandu stated that all educators of the school are striving for excellence in order to achieve quality and best results for 2022 academic year. Furthermore, Mr Shandu raised that, previous learners of the school have a helping hand in teaching and motivating the current learners of the school to strive for best results for the school. However, there are challenges that they face as the school which involve the social unease that is happening within the surroundings of the school, in which learners inherit, but together with the parents and the community, they encourage learners to stay focused, study, have discipline and be punctual at school.

In his concluding remarks, Mr Nkosinathi Shandu said, "learners come to school during the winter holidays, in their school uniform together with the educators, like a normal

school which shows that the learners are very much determined in achieving the best results for the school".



# SAFETY AND SECURITY IN SCHOOLS WORKSHOP

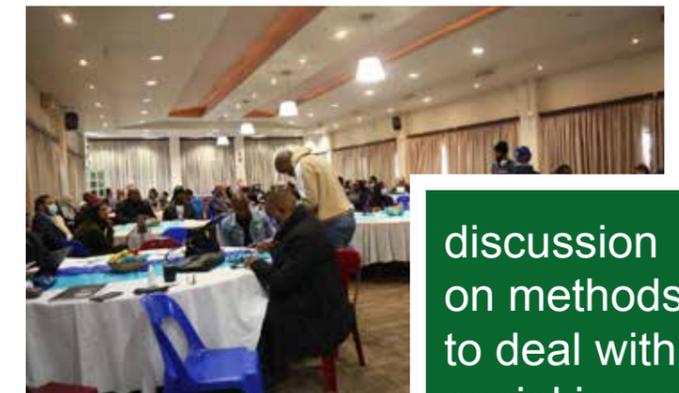


On 27 June 2022 the Senior Officials for the Kwa-Zulu-Natal Department of Education presented themselves to the Safety and security in schools workshop that was held at Alansaar Hall in Overport near Durban. In attendance from the Department were the Head of Communications, Mr Muzi Mahlambi and Mr Nhlanhla Mthethwa, the Director for Governance and Management. Other dignitaries present were Mr Lungelo Zulu from the KZN Youth and Crime Prevention Desk, Mr Habib Milanzi from Interfaith Ministries, SAPS, Members of Ethekwini Secure, Berea Community Police Forum and Officials from SASSA and other government agencies.

The purpose of the workshop was to discuss methods to deal with issues such as crime, violence, bullying and other social ills in schools and within the society. The Department of Education has deployed equipment for laboratories and gadgets such as laptops and iPads to schools for the development of learners. It is for this reason that safety and security is also ensured.

During the ceremony, the Head of Communications gave a key-note address on behalf of the Department. In his remarks he referred to some of the Academics who had conducted studies on school safety. One of them is A. J. Prinsloo in 2005, with the study entitled "How safe is our South African schools" and the other one is that of Mgadla Xaba in 2006 entitled "An investigation into the basic safety and security status of schools' physical environment." By these studies Mr Mahlambi was alluding to the fact that the issue of safety in schools has been a thorn in the flesh for

quite some time. In his concluding remarks Mr Mahlambi said "In all communities, parents have a natural hope that when they drop their children at school in the morning, they will see them again in the afternoon. This is one of the reasons why safety and security is important in our schools."



discussion on methods to deal with social issues in schools and within society



# MEC'S WINTER SCHOOL VISIT



Learners from King Cetshwayo District were affected by civil strikes, leading them to not complete their relevant Winter Schools Programme. Through the MEC's programme, King Cetshwayo learners had the privilege of occupying the venue and later on joined by uMkhanyakude District. Approximately 400 progressed learners were present, so that they can write and complete their exams, to cover the curriculum and revise as well.

The core problem in the community of KwaMbonambi was that learners were being attacked which is the reason why learners were moved in a safe space at Siyanda Inn, as it was no longer safe in their communities. INkosi Mbuyazi from the House of Traditional Leaders gave warm words of wisdom. As he was the Guest Speaker of the day, INkosi advised the learners to ensure they give outstanding results. He spoke about respect for both teachers and parents. Furthermore, he touched a sensitive topic of the spirits in schools causing learners to scream. He said "teachers and learners we will hold a prayer service especially for Grade 12 learners. "Learners you should be a good example to the universe," he concluded.

MEC, Kwazi Mshengu kept it short and simple. "The Department of Education promises to go beyond measures into ensuring that learners are studying," and urged parents

to support the learners with no interruptions. MEC reminded that decisions learners take will define what they become in future.



# MEC'S MEETING WITH INTERNS



On the 30th of June 2022 MEC for Education, Kwazi Mshengu held a meeting at Alexandra High School with the interns employed under UMgungundlovu District and in Head Office with the aim of motivating interns and aligning expectations from the interns. MEC Kwazi Mshengu began by explaining that June is the month that is very important to the South African youth, "June is a month of recognition of the role that young people played to build South Africa".

MEC Mshengu encouraged and emphasized to all the interns not to be disrupted by the things that are not work related. He further stressed that all interns must grab every opportunity given to them in order to learn and to gain experience, because the aim of internship is to expose interns into how government operate. "We want these interns to be given space to be engaged in real work so that amongst them we can have what is called mandarins of the public service," He said.

Amongst the guest speakers was Sibonelo Mchunu who was the former in-service trainee in the Department of Education who is now working for SEDA, Mchunu shared a few words about his experience and strategies that he used on how to conduct yourself in the working environment and also how to work on the tasks given. The new interns were also given an opportunity to share their experiences so far,

Mr Dlamini mentioned that he's very grateful for the opportunity and it has made a drastic change in his life and that of his family.



# MEC AND SENIOR MANAGEMENT VISITS TO DISTRICTS



The MEC for education in KwaZulu-Natal, Kwazi Mshengu and Senior Members of the Department are on a verge to visit all 12 Districts in the province with the aim to probe on their day-to-day activities and to give support thereof. In the month of June the MEC visited 5 different districts, namely: Pinetown, Umzinyathi, Harry Gwala, Uthukela and Amajuba Districts where District Directors presented reports on how the districts have been functioning and also indicated different challenges affecting schools and the overall teaching and learning process. The purpose of these visits is to assess the performance of the all districts and to offer support to districts which are underperforming due to lack of resources and inadequate working infrastructure. The Department assured the Districts that it will provide the necessary support and resources in order to reach the expected targets and raise the standard of education within the province.

The first district visit was held at Westville Girls High School under the Pinetown District, where Mr Sibusiso Kheswa gave a report submitted by schools which analyses the promotional status data base. This data base is only targeted at schools within

the Pinetown District, of which are 504 schools, including one school situated at the Westville Correctional Services. The report indicates that in the previous year the district saw 69% of the learners promoted and 31% which failed to gain promotion. This is a backdrop as these results fall below the expected standards set by the department. The next visit which followed was Umzinyathi District, and venue housing the meeting was the Sarel Cilliers High school in Glencoe. The District Director Mr Kheswa then went on to give a presentation on the District's performance and it was observed that there needs to be an improvement on the marking quality of learner's scripts and also it was suggested that Saturday tutoring classes should be normalized within the district.

Harry Gwala District was also visited, where the District firstly reported its shortcomings affecting its overall performance. The presentation indicated that schools in the Harry Gwala District have a shortage in their teaching staff, a shortage in subject advisors was also mentioned, a default in NSNP suppliers which leaves poor children hungry and a shortage in infrastructure to house its students.

The district also mentioned that despite these challenges, in the past year they were able to achieve a 76% overall pass rate, however in term 1 of 2021 they had achieved a 68.7% pass rate which saw a 3.1% decline in term 1 of 2022 as they managed to achieved a 65.7% pass rate. The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal assured this district that it will support it in its challenges. The department proposed to provide 36 additional staff members by July, laptops and desktops for staff members, replace defaulting suppliers with credible ones and provide mobile classrooms in the case of emergencies.

Uthukela District was also visited and the District Director, Mapaseka Mokoena raised challenges that they face as the district which involves the shortage of subject advisors and she believes is one of the impacts of not producing good results. Second challenge was of the community members who disapprove appointments of certain educators and principals which causes chaotic disturbance which end up consuming more time away from teaching and learning trying to resolve the issues and last challenge was of educators who refuse to move to schools where they are placed in. In response, the MEC said "regarding educators who do not want to move to their directive schools, the department will freeze the payments of those educators if they are not at their schools where they are supposed to be teaching". In closing, the MEC urged the district to work on improving their Academic Implementation and reach the 80% pass rate which is required in all districts. Amajuba District was also visited by the

MEC, HoD and the Senior Management of the department at Huttonpark Primary School with the aim of improving quality performance in the classroom and also to give support to the district. DDG, Dr Barney Mthembu responsible for Curriculum Management and Delivery, steered the presentation on district performance for Term 1 and the HoD Nkosinathi Ngcobo elaborated the need of ensuring quality education and improving the management skills. Addressing the gathering MEC, Kwazi Mshengu mentioned that in order to reduce the number of underperforming schools in the province, "we need to improve the team work in our respective work stations, working together will help the sector succeed. We are here to give support, we need all districts to perform on 80% and above. We will keep on giving necessary support as Head Office, School safety is also essential, security unity in head office will be re-established to protect our schools" Said MEC

The MEC also highlighted a target which is set by the department for every district to reach, an 80% pass rate target has been set, of which every district is expected to reach and abide to. The MEC also stressed the principle of accountability to be the pillar governing every worker to ensure the success of this initiative. This principle is set to be the uniform principle throughout all the levels in the education system. Mr Mshengu also mentioned that there will also be a follow up visits to these districts to assess the implementation of these discussions.



# DISTRICTS VISITED



**PINETOWN DISTRICT VISIT**



**UMZINYATHI DISTRICT VISIT**



**HARRY GWALA DISTRICT VISIT**



**UTHUKELA DISTRICT VISIT**



**AMAJUBA DISTRICT VISIT**



**ILEMBE DISTRICT VISIT**



Congratulations to Arboretum Primary School from King Cetshwayo District, who were crowned winners of the SA first Lego League Championship Competition 2022 held at Sci-Bono Discovery Center on the



The Office of the Premier, under the status of Women and Children, conducted a 3 day Ambassador Programme in Dundee Battlefield.



KZN contingent of officials attending the NECT Winter School for officials, held in Pretoria.

# 2022 ABC MOTSEPE SASCE

Zama high School choir conductor obtains position 1 in the category of Best Conductor



The Department of Education in KwaZulu- Natal triumphed in the recent ABC Motsepe SASCE Choral Competition which took place in Rhema Bible Church, Johannesburg in Gauteng Province between 28 June -01 July 2022. The ABC Motsepe SASCE Choral Competition aimed to enhance talents of the South African learners through music, and to promote unity in diversity, national identity, and social cohesion amongst school going South African youth. Just like sports, music, or any other form of cultural expression, is an important weapon for education. So much is invested in this exercise because it advances the holistic development of the learners also preparing them for constructive lives. KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education congratulated Mr Njabulo Ndlovu, Choir Conductor of Zama High School from Amajuba District who obtained position one in the category of a Best Conductor. "This is the journey that requires a lot of work with learners by instilling the discipline and making it a point that you treat a learner

in totally thoroughly so, but it's a very interesting journey," Said Mr Ndlovu



## DISTRICTS UNDER KZN-DOE

