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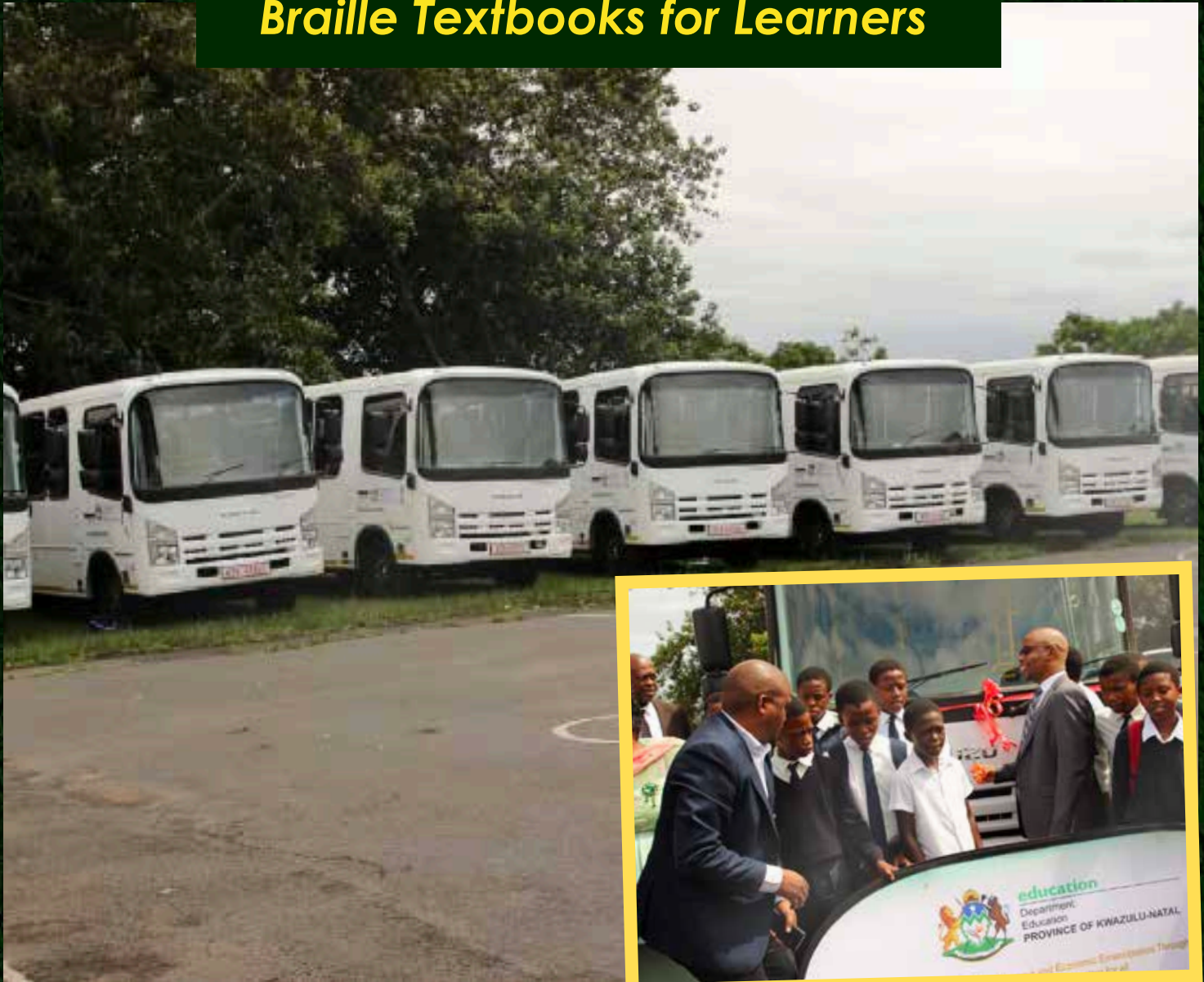
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A SMOOTH START TO NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMS



BY: SIHLE MLOTSHWA

THE 2019 National Senior Certificate Examination started without glitches in the entire province of KZN. Exams started with Computer Applications Technology on October 16, where the MEC visited George Campbell Technical School in Durban. The MEC encouraged learners and wished them well. On October 23, the day of the first big paper English P1, the MEC and the HoD visited Adams College where they spoke to learners before they started their paper. On the same day, the HoD also monitored exams at Kingsway High School and Kuswag Skool.



MEC HANDS OVER BUSES AT KHULANGOLWAZI SPECIAL SCHOOL

BY: SIHLE MLOTSHWA

THE MEC handed over 8 buses and braille textbooks at Khulongolwazi Special School. This event happened during the Month of November, which is the International Disability Month. The event was attended by senior officials of the department, including DDG Judy Dlamini, the Acting Chief Director, TPJ Khoza and a renowned poet and author, Musa Zulu. "Today marks an important step in our quest to restore the dignity of learners with special needs," said the MEC. During the event, the MEC made an undertaking that the department is going to employ suitable drivers to drive buses for learners with special education needs. He also made a commitment that the department is going to purchase 15 buses every year to address the challenge posed by the buses that have been written off and those that are no longer roadworthy. "Going hand in hand with the handover of these state-of-the-art buses, are braille textbooks that we are also handing over today," said the MEC to thunderous applause. The MEC told the crowd that the department's resolve to maximise access to braille textbooks is amplified through the establishment of Braille Resource Centre located at Arthur Blaxall Special School in PMB. The MEC urged teachers and SGB members to ensure that buses and all the material handed over to the school is protected and kept safe. "I would like to remind all learners that are present here that to us you are very important and we love you dearly," concluded the MEC.

SIGNING OF THE 2019 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION PLEDGE



BY: NOMONDE MNCUBE

THE Minister for Basic Education, Angie Motshekga, Deputy Minister, Makgabo Mhaule, MEC, Kwazi Mshengu, HoD Dr. E.V Nzama and DDG's, held the Signing of Pledge at Danville Park Girls High School, under Umlazi District. The signing of pledge is a national event which aims to ensure credibility, integrity and honest National Senior Certificate examinations. "We want future leaders with integrity and dignity," said Angie Motshekga during her key note address. "One of the saddest thing is to have to penalise learners who have been caught scribbling during the examinations," she said. The MEC highlighted to learners that this is the biggest stage of their lives which will determine their future. "I am confident that the class of 2019 will not disappoint us. Our Province is the one with the biggest number of candidates that will be sitting for 2019 NSC Examinations and we are confident that we will do well and we will get quality results," said MEC Mshengu. Among the four learners who were identified to represent all learners who will be sitting for the exams were Roby Anhill and Lindelwa Thwala from Danville Park Girls High School, Ethan Smith from Durban College and Tasneem Booley from Nortlands Girls High School.



BY: NOMFUNDO MALINGA

THE MEC and the HoD visited the Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM) Warehouse at Southgate Industrial Park, in Amanzimtoti. The warehouse which is managed by Ndatabase Printing Solutions has about 367 Million worth of textbooks, stationery packs and Grade R material in store.

The purpose of the visit by the MEC and the HoD was to monitor the processes of the distribution of textbooks and stationery, so that they are readily available from the beginning of the 2020 academic year.

MEC'S VISIT TO THE LTSM WAREHOUSE

During the visit, MEC Mshengu held a Press Conference where he presented the state of readiness ahead of the National Senior Certificates Examination for the Class of 2019. "Today marks exactly 15 days before the NSC Exams. We have done everything to ensure that we improve the matric pass rate for 2019. We are confident that we will get more bachelor passes this year."

In his address, the MEC also spoke to the media about the LTSM. "As a Department, we extend a sincere gratitude to Ndatabase Printing Solutions who have assured us that the delivery of textbooks and stationery will be done by November 30, 2019. We can boldly declare that KZN is ready for the 2020 academic year. The first day of school will indeed be the first day of teaching and learning, with every learner given textbooks and stationery," said the MEC.



SCHOOL SAFETY CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

BY: KHETHIWE DLAMINI

THE MEC, together with the KZN Premier, Mr Sihle Zikalala, and the MEC for Department of Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Bheki Ntuli, officially launched the School Safety Programme at Ukusa High School in Mpumalanga Township.



The launch started with a march from KwaMcoyi taxi rank to the sports fields of Ukusa High School. Among the attendees were union representatives, community members and officials from different departments.

The then Acting Mayor of eThekweni, Mr Thanduxolo Sabela gave the welcoming address. He spoke at length about matters regarding safety and security in schools and thanked the Department of Education for taking the initiative. "We all have to work hand in hand with the department to curb the scourge of violence in our schools," said Sabela.



The MEC, Kwazi Mshengu introduced 1500 volunteers to be deployed in schools. The MEC promised to immediately add 1500 volunteers more. "The code of conduct was signed by parents and learners. Should it happen that anyone is found breaching this code of conduct, disciplinary measures will be taken," said Mshengu. The Premier said violence in schools and in communities is a societal matter and it is the communities that should intervene in the identification and reporting of suspicious behaviour around them. "We ought to investigate and arrest criminals - our education won't be destroyed by the hooligans," said Mr Zikalala.





ESKOM CHANGING LEARNER'S LIVES

BY: QINISILE MKHIZE

OTHUKELA District was the recipient of Eskom's CSI project. The handover took place at Fordaville Hall, Estcourt. Eskom identified more than 15 schools around the district to benefit from their donations. The donations varied from school uniforms, mobile libraries, bicycles and mobile science cabinets. Speaking on behalf of Eskom, Mr. Matome Makwela, General Manager, Project Stability said, "today is a demonstration of Eskom and Government's commitment to better the lives for our communities. We want to ensure a better future for our children. We have been assisting schools in this district for a number of years and we want to commit ourselves to continue with supporting these schools with resources to help them to improve the quality of education offered to the learners." The HoD, who received the donations on behalf of the department said, "these learners are our future leaders, whatever contribution you make is to their benefit. We have seen Eskom supporting the department on the learner transport issue by providing our learners with more than 300 bicycles over the years. Your contribution is significant and making a difference in our province. We want to thank you for what you are going to do in the future." The HoD ended his speech by quoting former president Nelson Mandela: "there can be no greater gift than that of giving one's time and energy to helping others without expecting anything in return."

KUHLE SHINES AT THIS YEAR'S FINANCIAL LITERACY COMPETITION.



BY: SIBANI NGOBESE

FINANCIAL SECTOR CONDUCT AUTHORITY (FSCA) held its annual Financial Literacy Competition at Carter High School (PMB).

The competition which targets high school learners was bolstered with 12 best learners across all districts.

The learners were given various topics regarding financial literacy. Kuhle Tshambula from Little Flower High School under the Harry Gwala District came tops, beating fellow participants on a topic of warning people about pyramid schemes and fast returns schemes.

Tshambula victory gave her the bragging rights to represent KZN in the national competition. "I am very shocked because the competition was very steep, nonetheless I am delighted to win, beating my fellow participants. The previous winner of this competition comes from my school so I am happy that my school retains the title through me and I am looking forward to the national competition," concluded Kuhle Tshambula.



RUSSEL JUNIOR PRIMARY LIBRARY AND MEDIA CENTRE OFFICIALLY OPENED

BY: NOMPUMELELO GASA

THE pleasure and excitement was written all over the faces of both educators and learners of Russel Junior Primary School at Sobantu, under Umgungundlovu District, following the donation of a fully equipped Library and Media Centre donated by Cargill. The official opening and handover event of these facilities was held at the school premises. Cargill as the main sponsor also approached Dr Zweli Mkhize Foundation resulting in the donation of 5 laptops for educators and 40 laptops for learners and Dr JL Dube Foundation assisted with the painting of the school.

The Head of Department, Dr Enock Nzama, who was the guest speaker during the event, thanked all sponsors who contributed and thanked them for their interest in education. "The national government declared education as an apex priority and that education is a societal matter, so today is a demonstration of working together as the department of education with stakeholders and I wish to declare this journey as the beginning of healthy relations. On behalf of MEC, Kwazi Mshengu, the department is expressing its profound gratitude for the donation and appreciates all the love and support," said the HoD

Handing over the facilities, the HoD pleaded with the school community to work together as parents, educators, learners and all relevant education stakeholders in ensuring the development of the school and learners. "This equipment should be fully utilized and be protected by all of you. As a department we promise to support the school and we commit to employ a qualified educator that will teach computer studies."



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF THE GIRL CHILD

BY: NOMPUMELELO GASA

THE department in collaboration with Ethekwini Municipality, Community Participation celebrated International Day of the The Girl Child at Pinetown Civic Centre, where the programme was run by girls from Girls & Boys Education Movement (GBEM) Clubs, Young Commissioners and Inkosi Albert Oralists. 2019 International Day of the Girl Child theme is, "GirlForce: Unscripted and unstoppable." The theme celebrates achievements for girls since the adoption of the Beijing Declaration and Platform for Action where women have led global movements on issues ranging from sexual and reproductive health rights to equal pay. This has led to most of the girls attending school and completing their studies.

Since 2012, this day is celebrated every year. Its main objective is to empower women and help them to know their right so that they can face the challenges and meet their needs. It is also aimed at spreading awareness about eliminating gender abnormalities against girls across the world. "Several movements are organised for adolescent girls and tackling issues related to child marriage, education inequality, gender based violence, climate change, self-esteem and girls rights to enter places of worship or public spaces during menstruation. Girls are proving that they are "Unscripted and Unstoppable," said Domonique Mertenton, National Speaker of the Children's Parliament who was also the guest speaker for the day.



UMLAZI DISTRICT TLS-GET EXCELLENCE AWARDS 2019

BY: PHILAKAHLE NGUBANE

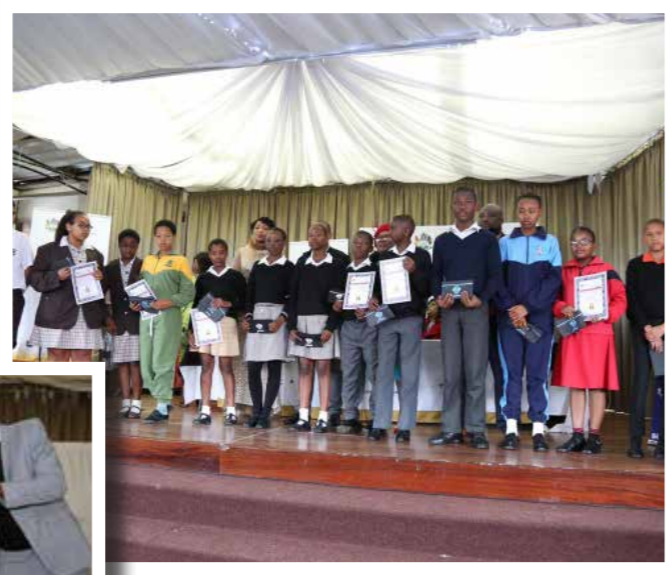
UMLAZI District held TLS-GET Excellence Awards at the West Park Special School. The prestigious event was attended by senior officials within the Umlazi District and neighbouring districts, leaders in the business sector, governing body representatives, teacher union representatives and learners under Umlazi District.

Mr Muzi Khumalo, Umlazi District CES Umbumbulu Circuit, welcomed all attendees and emphasised the fact that celebrating excellence is important for maintaining consistency in teaching and learning.

Outlining the purpose of the day, Mrs Busi Mahlambi, CES GET-TLS, Umlazi District said, 'It is imperative to celebrate excellence in order to motivate, encourage and honour success.' She also indicated that the district has noted with appreciation the dedication of teachers and Subject Advisors in delivering the best possible results in all aspects of learning, including creative arts.

The guest speaker, Mrs Zamanyuswa Gule, a renowned business woman and physiotherapist, spoke at length about her upbringing and coming from an underprivileged home. She spoke about not allowing her circumstances to dictate her future. She motivated learners to set goals for themselves and aim for the stars. "You need to excel in your studies and perform to your best level in order to make it," said Zama.

Awards were presented to learners that did exceptionally well and represented the district provincially and nationally, amongst which were learners who came first in the Provincial Spelling Bee Competition, Astro Quiz winners and Mental Maths winners. All winners received medals, trophies and goodie bags as tokens of appreciation.





UTHUKELA DISTRICT TLS-GET AWARDS

BY: MBALI ZULU

It was all smiles for educators and learners at the Drakensview Primary School under uThukela District during the TLS-GET Awards. This event was aimed to acknowledge, celebrate, showcase and congratulate the achievement of the best educators and learners in the uThukela District. Giving the welcoming remarks, Mrs ME Mokoena the District Director said, “This is the day that the Lord has made, we should rejoice in it, it is this reason why we are gathered here today because we are the winners. We have been through a lot and we are still enjoying the fruits, despite all the odds.

Mr GB Khumalo CES, TLS-GET, Harry Gwala District, delivered a key note address during the event. He defined excellence as quality of being outstanding, and a process. “You have made your schools and teachers very proud,” he said addressing learners. To educators he said, “you are dealing with a very important commodity which is the mind, keep up the good work.”





SCHOOL LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARDS

BY: QINISILE MKHIZE

THE School Library Excellence Awards is used to measure the impact of the School Library Development program. Schools that were awarded are those that have shown best practice over a sustained period.

In 2019, 35 schools participated in the program. These schools excelled in various categories of the program. Mr Mbongiseni Mazibuko, Chief Director, Curriculum Development Programs, addressing the gathering at the Teacher Training Center (Dokkies) said, “It is said that teachers can’t teach reading, public speaking and writing. A study conducted by The Stellenbosch University discovered that learners are poor in reading and writing because there is lack of learner opportunity to handle books. I like this because it is speaking squarely to the reasons we are gathering here to talk about libraries so that we can afford our learners an opportunity to handle books and we should not take it for granted because some of these learners come from families where there are no books. Some come from families where there is no culture of reading. The study also discovered that there is limited teaching of reading and writing. Out of this assembly we need to ask ourselves, how much time are we devoting to teaching reading and writing? It is our duty to teach learners to read with meaning. Lastly allow me to congratulate the schools that will be awarded today. I am challenging everyone here today to fly like eagles,” concluded Mr Mazibuko.



2019 READERS' CUP COMPETITION

BY: NOMFUNDO MALINGA

THE KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education held the Readers' Cup Competition at the Provincial Public Service Training Institute. This is a Provincial Reading Incentives Programme where each district brings a team of 4 learners from their best school to participate in the competition every year. The competition consisted of 48 participants and they competed in 2 categories which are story telling and a book quiz.

The purpose of the Readers' Cup Competition is to promote literature, encourage team building and instil the culture of reading to learners with teachers as role models.

The DDG for Curriculum Management and Delivery, Dr Barney Mthembu, gave a keynote address on behalf of the Head of Department, Dr Enock Nzama. In his address, Dr Mthembu commended the teachers: "We are happy to see such great talent from learners. Clearly the teachers have done a stunning job in making this competition a success," said Dr Mthembu.

THE PRIZE GIVING AND RESULTS WERE AS FOLLOWS:

The winners obtained trophies, medals and certificates and all learners received a certificate of participation.

THE STORY TELLING CATEGORY

- Position 1:** Cebilehle Primary - Amajuba District
- Position 2:** Intumbane Primary - Uthukela District
- Position 3:** Ekuphepheni Primary - Ugu District

THE BOOK QUIZ CATEGORY

- Position 1:** Nongoma Primary - Zululand District
- Position 2:** Sangweni Primary - Umzinyathi District
- Position 3:** KwaManzini Primary - Pinetown District





EASTWOOD HIGH SCHOOL MEETING

BY: QINISILE MKHIZE

FOLLOWING the incident of the stabbing of Herschelle Fyn from Eastwood High School, the MEC and the HoD held a meeting with parents and community of Eastwood, with the aim of coming up with possible solutions to ensure stability at the school. “We want to send our deepest condolences to the family, it is quite an unfortunate incident to lose such a young life. When you are born, your parents get filled with a sense of hope that one day you will be something better.” The MEC told the gathering that each and every member of the community must ensure safety and security of the school. “Without these schools we cannot build a successful nation. Let’s make our schools sacred. We must value our schools,” concluded the MEC.



PROVINCIAL SCOUTS MARKS 60TH RALLY

BY: MBALI ZULU

THE 2019, 60th Annual Provincial Scout Rally took place at Linpark High School under Umgungundlovu District. The scouts across the province joined in the rally. The KZN Premier, Mr Sihle Zikalala attended the rally and emphasised the importance of the scouts’ movement in the country and in the province. The Premier outlined that the Kwa-Zulu-Natal provincial government has pledged support for the scouts movement and will ensure that the scouts movement is supported so that it becomes part of efforts geared towards moral regeneration and nation building. “The provincial government would commit their unreserved support to its national leadership under Chief Scout, Dr Brendon Hausburg and the Secretary General of the Scout Board, Dr Jague Marlion. Currently our province faces many challenges of social ills like drugs, abuse and violence directed to women and children,” said Mr Zikalala.

The MEC, thanked the scouts and all educators involved in the program for their dedication and commitment. He also commended the scout movement for the role it plays in instilling discipline and unity and its efforts in fighting social ills. “The scout movement comes as a necessary intervention in instilling discipline. We want to pay more attention to the young people because they are the reflection of the future. The 60 years that we celebrating today is the significance milestone,” said Mshengu.





HOD RECEIVING BRAILLE TEXTBOOKS AT OPEN AIR SPECIAL SCHOOL

BOOKS are part of LTSM provision for learners with Special Needs. The HoD stated that the section of Special Education must be given the attention it deserves. On behalf of the Department, Dr Nzama commends the Inclusive Education Directorate for making it possible for KZN to receive and deliver textbooks customised for these special citizens of the province.



PINKY TO REPRESENT KZN IN GERMANY

ONGOYE High School Grade 12 pupil, Pinky Jiyane, has made a name for herself and her school by becoming the Siemens grand prize winner at the recent Eskom Expo International Science Fair, held in Boksburg. The purpose of the competition is to stimulate innovative scientific and engineering projects aimed at solving issues experienced in participants' communities. As a reward for her effort, Jiyane will attend a three-and-a-half-year international technical apprenticeship at Siemens, in Berlin, Germany.

Speaking at a special event held at the school to congratulate Jiyane, District Director, Dr David Chonco, said Jiyane's achievement has put the district and KZN on the map. "We are happy that young people are making use of the opportunities at their disposal. We need to produce more Pinky Jyanes in this district," said Chonco. King Cetshwayo District Mayor, Nonhle Mkhulisi, urged Jiyane to remain focused on her studies, saying the sky is the limit. Jiyane said her project is aimed to introduce a new way of loading electricity. "I never thought I would achieve something like this. I wish to praise my teachers who helped me a lot, especially my mentor, Mr Manzi and my teacher, Mr Khumalo. I would not have been here without them," she said.



TOP HONOURS FOR SLINDILE MTHEMBU

SLINDILE Mthembu, who is in matric at Sibonokuhle High School was awarded the top-performing pupil prize for Quintile 3 during the awards function held in Cape Town recently. Sibonokuhle High School in the King Cetshwayo District received awards for the Top Quintile 3 and best school in Science and Technology categories at the South African Mathematics Annual Awards.

The Mathematics Olympiads are hosted by the South African Mathematics Foundation and has participants from schools nationally. The school achieved an 84.6% matric pass rate in 2018 and an 86% maths pass rate. Excited about receiving the award, her trip to Cape Town and the experience of boarding an aeroplane for the first time, Mthembu said maths was one of her favourite subjects.

“Maths is actually not that difficult. It requires passion and focus, I owe my success to the support from my school, the principal and my maths teacher. I practice maths everyday even when I am at home and I take a few hours a day to practice,” she said.

BEFORE THE START OF THE 2019 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE (NSC) EXAMS, EDU-NEWS TALKED TO THE DISTRICT DIRECTORS TO ASK THEM ABOUT THEIR PROJECTION FOR 2019 NSC RESULTS AS WELL AS THEIR MESSAGE TO THE CLASS OF 2019.



UTHUKELA DISTRICT

Mapaseka Mokoena

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

The district pride itself for a number of accomplishments during the 2019 academic year, such as securing sponsorships that assisted to provide highly needed reading skills in primary schools, mobile laboratories for science practical's in rural areas, financial support in commerce and science programs as well as the ability to fill School-Based Promotional Posts. The ability by different stakeholders to support schools in areas affected by rife community protests over a long period amounting to a whole term has assisted to ensure that learners are back in schools and prepared accordingly for the year-end examinations.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

The District has worked very hard towards achieving it's set target of above 80%. It aims to eradicate schools performing below 65%. The 3 CMC's have set target of above 85% and the number of 100% schools with large numbers must increase. The district also aims to increase the number of learners passing qualitatively in gateway subjects.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

Siyaphasa for Sure. Know your priorities and make choices that will help you realize your vision of getting good results in order to find yourself being easily accepted in a tertiary institution of your choice. The Sky is the Limit.



UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT

Thanduyise Motha

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

2019 was quite a challenging year with a lot of successes and challenges.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

The district is projecting above 80% in Grade 12 results for 2019 academic year. Increase the number of learners getting distinctions. Increase the number of bachelor passes. Increase the number of learners passing Mathematics.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

Education is a tool for mental liberation and economic emancipation. Hold on until the last moment. Success is guaranteed if you persevere and do not despair.



UMLAZI DISTRICT

Ntokozo Cele

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

The 2019 academic year has been a very challenging one, but we managed..

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

As Umlazi District we projecting a 80% pass rate for the 2019 academic year.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

As the District Director of Umlazi I wish all learners the very best during the writing of their examinations. They have been studying hard to show their best results and they don't have to worry because they know everything they need to know and they will show it when they achieve their good results.



UMZINYATHI DISTRICT

Sphiwe Kheswa

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

The District had a number of interventions from the beginning of the Academic Year.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

OVERALL PROJECTION FOR 2019 NSC EXAMINATIONS IS: Minimum of 76% and Maximum of 83%

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

They must be well prepared for the Examinations. They must conduct themselves in an acceptable manner before, during and after the examinations. Disruptive and unruly behaviour will not be tolerated and candidates can be barred from writing the examination.



ZULULAND DISTRICT

Dumisani Ndlovu

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

This is to highlight Zululand District milestones for 2019 academic year.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

Even though we strive under difficult situations because of the rural nature of the district, our learners should not do less as they would be writing the same papers with learners from urban schools. We wish them the best.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

With the kind of interventions and the commitments we have in 2019, we envisage in reaching our set target of 84% overall pass and 39% Bachelor passes. This is also informed by our term by term analysis as reflected below:



ILEMBE DISTRICT

Dr Musawenkosi Madondo

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

This academic year has been the most productive year when we look at curriculum delivery, a very stable year in terms of employee relations and a highly engaging one when we look into stakeholder participation. We worked well in areas of operation with minimal challenges and we are grateful to officials who work tirelessly in support of schools,

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

We targeted a range of 76-80% for our district. We remain hopeful that we will achieve within the target set. However, as a district we have a target for the period of 2019-2020 which is 85%.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

To our learners I wish them best for the examinations. We had to sweat more before the war so that we can bleed less during the war. Ilembe is surely going up and I pray that God the Almighty be with them



PINETOWN DISTRICT

Sibusiso Kheswa

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

Very hectic and greatly affected by the shortage of key staff in various subjects i.e. Life Orientation; English HL; All services subjects. We managed to survive with the assistance of top educators and other advisors caretaking these subjects.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

82 %

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

Grade 12 Learners must ensure that their individual study programmes are diligently adhered to. Ensure that they take breaks to eat well and sleep well so that the body and mind is rested well. Read the questions carefully and ensure that you understand the question before attempting to answer. Good luck and best wishes to the CLASS OF 2019.



HARRY GWALA DISTRICT

Sindiswa Njakazi-Zakuza

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

Harry Gwala District Director Ms Sindiswa Njakazi Zakuza says 2019 has been a very successful year. "There were no major disturbances and we enjoyed a very good labour peace and support from all district officials, circuit officials, principals and teachers ensured that our learners perform well.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

As Harry Gwala, we are projecting an increment of 5% from 72% in 2018 to 78% in 2019. Any percentage above this would be a bonus based on district interventions.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

To all the learners of Harry Gwala District we wish them all the best, they must work hard towards achieving excellent result. We will support them until the last exam paper", she concluded.



AMAJUBA DISTRICT

Themis Nzama

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

The 2019 academic year has been characterised by a stable schooling environment and promptness in dealing with school related matters. In relation to academic programmes, there has been greater visibility of almost all district officials in relation to supporting schooling environment.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

2. Amajuba District projects 90 percent pass rate for the class of 2019.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

The district would wish to say to 2019 Grade 12 class, you must keep up the sense of focus and take examinations as an opportunity to access the opportunities that lie beyond. Grade 12 learners, in your preparation for National Senior Certificate Examinations, you should be able to master the themes and subject topics that are within your reach in terms of your cognitive levels. As Amajuba District, we believe that you were engineered for success in everything that you do. We therefore say, stretch yourselves beyond your limits and succeed in your examinations by passing with flying colours.



UMGUNGUNDOLOVU DISTRICT

Siqhamo Mabinza

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

The District Office buildings caught fire as such all important documents were destroyed. Instability in schools in relation to political protest actions posed a threat, but the District has strived to work hard despite the challenges. Learner camps were successfully managed and monitored. Sub-directorate initiated programmes were successful. We hope to achieve our target with the support of PILO in support of improving learning outcomes.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

From 77,6 we obtained in 2018, we dropped by 4%, yet we were targeting to increase by 4% as a result we owe 8%. Our target for 2019 is 90% which is inclusive of last year's percentage we owe and this year's increase.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

To our learners, we wish them all the best for the final examinations. We know that hard work pays. You have been taught all what you need in order to make it in life. Considering all the interventions, different programmes, values instilled in all of you. Surely that will make you succeed in all your career lives.



UGU DISTRICT

Mfundu Sibiyi

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

As one reflects on 2019, one is reminded that the year began with the crafting of academic improvement plans, conducting of curriculum workshops for departmental heads as well as subject specific orientation and content workshops. Grades 10 to 12 learners also wrote common provincial tests in numerous subjects during each term. Copious amounts of revision material was provided to all schools offering Grade 12. One trusts that these will be used beyond the immediate cohort of Grade 12 learners.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

Ugu District is quietly optimistic that the class of 2019 will deliver on the promise of 85% overall passes as a minimum, with the majority attaining a bachelors pass.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

To the Class of 2019, I wish them good health, sound mind and academic success as they sit for the final NSC Examinations.



KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT

Dr. David Chonco

HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THIS ACADEMIC YEAR FOR YOUR DISTRICT?

2019 has been a progressive year in our district as several circuit management posts were filled, hence enabling the district to fully implement the district and circuit academic improvement plan with effective monitoring, evaluation and accountability sessions.

WHAT ARE YOUR PROJECTIONS FOR THE 2019 ACADEMIC YEAR IN TERMS OF GRADE 12 RESULTS?

Attaining 80% and above.

WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE TO LEARNERS OF YOUR DISTRICT AS THEY SIT FOR THEIR FINAL EXAMS?

This is the time to push yourselves to the limit. Make use of your time to study diligently. There will be sufficient time for social life after you have passed. Remain focused. Sacrifice your time now for success later. Nothing is impossible.

SPORTS



Opening Day Danone Nations Cup Soccer Tournament in Spain



MZUVUKILE PRIMARY SCHOOL FROM NSELENI WON THE DANONE SOCCER CHAMPIONSHIP AND HAD REPRESENTED SOUTH AFRICA IN SPAIN.

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