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MEC FRAZER TO PRESIDE OVER SCHOOL CONNECTIVITY AND DIGITAL SKILLS TRAINING PROGRAMME

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Ms Mbali Frazer is going to be the Keynote Speaker at a programme, that is undertaken in partnership with MTN Foundation to roll out school connectivity's digital access and digital literacy programme in three special schools in Durban.

The school connectivity's digital access and digital literacy programme by the MTN Foundation includes installation of customised multimedia centres and digitised content, data and connectivity provisioning, maintenance and support as well as educator and learners ICT training.

As part of this programme, MTN e-Education platform will develop and promote the use of an effective MTN Online School digital platform that will provide learners access to curriculum aligned educational content for Grade R to Grade 12.

The IT infrastructure has been installed in all three special schools, which included amongst others: Customised 30-seater multimedia centre, hardware and software, networking, interactive board display and a three-year smart learning suite.

The special schools that will benefit from this programme include those learners with severe intellectual ability and autism, those with hearing impairment and those with intellectual ability.

Speaking during the 2023/24 Budget presentation, MEC Frazer said, "The provision of quality and accessible Public Special School Education remains one of the top priorities for the Department."

As part of driving school connectivity's digital access and digital literacy, MTN has responded to the call for the support to our special schools' needs by providing state-of-the-art customised multimedia centres to the following schools: S Dass Special School in Phoenix, VN Naik School for the Deaf in Newlands and DayDawn Training Centre in Durban", said MEC Frazer.

The details of the event are as follows:

Date 08 June 2023

Venue: VN Naik School for the Deaf (Newlands West)

Time: 10H00

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Members of the media are invited to attend.

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