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MEC FRAZER ANNOUNCES CONSTRUCTION OF A STATE-OF-THE-ART SCHOOL IN DEEP RURAL SAHLUMBE

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Ms. Mbali Frazer, met with Inkosi Mthembu today (09 June 2023) to discuss the latest developments regarding the local traditional leadership's request for the construction of a new high school in the deep rural area of Sahlumbe, located in Weenen under the uThukela District.

The meeting was in response to a request from Inkosi Mthembu and the community to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, seeking the establishment of a high school in their area.

Currently, Sahlumbe Secondary School is the only high school in the area and is facing challenges due to overcrowding caused by the increasing demand.

During the meeting, MEC Frazer engaged with Inkosi Mthembu and his delegation from the Mthembu Royal House, where she was addressing various issues related to the construction of the state-of-the-art Inkosi Mkhuphukeli Secondary School.

Following the discussions, MEC Frazer announced that the construction of Inkosi Mkhuphukeli Secondary School will commence on 15 June 2023.

"The total cost for the construction of Inkosi Mkhuphukeli Secondary School amounts to R74 million," stated MEC Frazer during the meeting.

"Inkosi Mkhuphukeli Secondary School will comprise 20 classrooms, 4 multipurpose or specialist rooms, a media center, a computer room, team teaching facilities, a spacious administration block, 3 Head of Department offices, a counseling room, storerooms, garden stores, administrative storage spaces, a changing room, an NSNP kitchen, ablution facilities, a sports field, a combo court, as well as an assembly area."

Inkosi Mthembu expressed his gratitude for the announcement and the forthcoming job opportunities that will arise from this project. He also pledged to involve the community in safeguarding their school.

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