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MEC HLOMUKA CONCLUDES HIS INTERACTION WITH DISTRICTS OFFICIALS

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education Mr Sipho Hlomuka concludes the Meet and Greet Sessions with all the 12 Districts of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education.

The Meet and Greet Sessions ended with the MEC meeting with UThukela, Amajuba and UMzinyathi Districts at ML Sultan Primary School, in Ladysmith, under the UThukela District, on Thursday, 18 July 2024.

The aim of these visits was for the MEC to get an in-depth understanding of the district's operations, their challenges, frustrations; as well as their aspirations.

During these interfaces with Districts Mancos, the District Directors made presentations where they gave the MEC the vivid picture of where they are in terms of issues like curriculum delivery, academic targets, Human Resources related issues and other matters that may affect the performance of each District.

MEC Hlomuka's visits began at Ashley Primary School, where he met with representatives from the uMlazi, Pinetown, and uMgungundlovu Districts. This was followed by meetings with the iLembe, uMkhanyakude, Zululand, and King Cetshwayo Districts. He then met with the UGU and Harry Gwala Districts and concluded with the uThukela, Amajuba, and uMzinyathi Districts.

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Addressing officials during these sessions, the MEC impressed upon the officials the importance of working together, of learning from one another and of supporting one another. He told the officials that the focus should continue to be on curriculum delivery and improve the education outcomes across all grades.

“Having met with all the districts, one is very impressed by the spirit of comradery that prevails on all our officials. The healthy competition among the districts to “dethrone” one another from the top of the districts ranking when it comes to academic performance, makes for a very competitive, but healthy working environment,” said MEC Hlomuka.

MEC Hlomuka said what stood out for him during his interaction with the district’s officials, is the work ethic of the officials of the Department of Education at all levels.

“I would be failing in my duties if I do not thank all the officials of the Department for their commitment to the education of our children. I have been very encouraged by the level of commitment from our officials and I want to express my appreciation to them and urge them to continue to work diligently as I have observed them during the few weeks I have been with the Department,” concluded MEC Hlomuka.

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