



KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE

AN ACTIVIST PEOPLE-CENTRED LEGISLATURE

PRIVATE BAG X9112
PIETERMARITZBURG
3200

244 LANGALIBALELE STREET
PIETERMARITZBURG
3201

www.kznlegislature.gov.za

MEDIA STATEMENT

18 January 2024

TO ALL MEDIA
SUBJECT BEST WISHES TO THE NSC CLASS OF 2023

The Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee, Hon Sifiso Sonjica congratulates the Matric class of 2023 and welcomes the results as announced by the Minister of Education. "We acknowledge the dedication, and the commitment of both teachers and learners as they demonstrated that hard work, patience, yield positive results at all times".

Sonjica appealed to the department and communities at large, "to do all we can to provide support to those who have not made it, and they must know there are other available areas to explore, and that TVET colleges are providing technical skills and knowledge that is needed for one to contribute to the wellbeing of our communities".

The Chairperson expressed concern about community protests that lead to burning and destruction of schools. "I call on all communities to do whatever possible to protect the important assets they ever own, the schools. It cannot be that the future of our children is undermined by the actions of parents who have a responsibility to nurture and protect the lives, and the future of their own children".

"we are equally concerned about the disaster that ravage our communities and leave destruction of homes, schools and infrastructure in our towns and cities. We hope that department of education will speedily provide resources to rebuild the school infrastructure so that teaching and learning remains on track for 2024 academic year".

The Portfolio Committee will (in the next week) embark on School Functionality Programme to assess the status of Early Childhood Development in the province. "The sector is still characterized by inequalities emanating from family socio-economic status and geographic location despite funding and government policies that are there to support the ECD. It is therefore prudent for the Legislature to undertake a comprehensive oversight programme to assess the state of ECD so we can provide necessary support to the programme", Sonjica said.

ISISHAYAMTHETHO SAKWAZULU-NATALI
KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE
KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINSIALE WETGEWER
AN ACTIVIST PEOPLE-CENTRED LEGISLATURE

End

Issue by the Chairperson Education Portfolio Committee, KZN Legislature

Hon Sifiso Sonjica

060 508 1426

Wesley Canham

083 376 7299

Media Liaison and PR