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## OFFICIAL OPENING OF BRIGHT FUTURE SPECIAL SCHOOL



The MEC, Ms Mbal Frazer, officially opened Bright Future Special School in Newlands East, under Umlazi District. Among the attendees were the Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, DDG for Institutional Development and Support, Ms Weziwe Hadebe, DDG for Corporate Management Services, Advocate Bheki Masuku, DDG for Curriculum Management and Delivery, Mr Mbongiseni Mazibuko, Members of Senior Management, Head Office and District officials, educators, principals, department stakeholders, parents, and learners.

Umlazi District has the highest learner enrolment among districts, with most schools in townships ranking as quintile 3, 4, and 5. Special schools like Bright Future are being prioritized by the department of education due to the ongoing ICT projects.

The Chief Director of Rural and Inclusive Education, Ms. Jabu Khoza, said that 350 teachers are employed in various special schools, including house mothers, administrators, gardeners, and teacher aiders. The ICT Resources supplied to Bright Future Special School include 1 smart screen, 1 ultra-short throw projector, 35 Normal digital classroom projectors, 36 non-reflective whiteboards, 1 chargeable laptop trolley, 40 learner laptops, 51 teacher laptops, 1 content Access point, 1 school based WI-FI resources and 26 access point.

The MEC, Ms Mbal Frazer said that, “the Bright Future Special School is officially opened in memory of the late principal, Mr Siphonkosi. She said the best way to honour Mr Nkosi’s memory is to take good care of the school, by protecting it from vandalism and most importantly, by ensuring that it remains known with aca-

demical and artistic brilliance for all the learners who walk through the gates of Bright Future Special School. The MEC emphasized the Department’s role in promoting Nelson Mandela’s call for a better world, emphasizing the power of everyone to make a difference.

**- Siphephelo Mnguni**

# OFFICIAL OPENING OF BRIGHT FUTURE SPECIAL SCHOOL GALLERY





## LTSM DELIVERY WAREHOUSE INSPECTION



The KwaZulu Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer together with the Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo inspected the state of readiness of the LTSM delivery for the 2024 academic year on the 26th of September 2023 at Ndabase printing solutions warehouse in Amanzimtoti.

Mr Shabaan Hendricks, Ndabase printing solutions Managing Director, did a presentation on progress update on central procurement of textbooks and stationery. In his presentation, he mentioned that the department placed batch 1 textbooks

orders on the 30th of June 2023, to the value of two hundred and sixty-seven million. "Curriculum directorates, ECD, GET and FET phases were consulted on stationary specifications per learner and non-learner pack in April 2023," said Mr Hendricks. The department re-apportion the stationary budget from 30% to 40% of the LTSM budget to ensure that annual inflationary costs could be managed more effectively.

In relation to tool for furniture repairs at schools, Mr. Thanda Nyide who is the CEO of Ndabase Printing Solutions and his colleagues developed a website app to help schools

acquire desks online, which will be very helpful for principals to oversee this process online. Also, the app will be accessible to the management of the Department, who may use it to track how quickly schools are receiving desks. The tool places emphasis on strengthening activities to restore, repair and preserve existing furniture at schools using technology.

**- Mfundo Msomi**



## MEC FRAZER OFFICIALLY OPENS STATE-OF-THE-ART XOLOXOLO PRIMARY SCHOOL



**K**waZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer officially opened the State-Of-The-Art Xoloxolo Primary School on the 15th of September 2023 in Kokstad, under the Harry Gwala District.

The MEC was joined by the Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, Advocate Bheki Masuku, the DDG: Corporate Management, Ms Weziwe Hadebe, the DDG: Institutional Development and Support, the senior management, officials of the department, principals, educators, parents, learners and education stakeholders.

The new smart school consists of 1 administration block, 25 standard classrooms, 5 Grade R classrooms, 1 garden store, 1 gate house, 1 school nutrition programme kitchen, 6 girls toilets, 6 boys toilets, 2 teachers toilets (1 male, 1 urinary and 2 females) 1 toilet for disabled people

with disabilities and landscaping.

The ICT resources installed at Xoloxolo Primary School include 1 smart interactive screen, 1 ultra-short throw projector, 28 normal digital classroom projectors, 29 non-reflective whiteboards, 1 chargeable laptop trolley, 40 learner laptops, 25 teacher laptops, 1 content server, 1 router with data sim card and 11 access points. The smart school is equipped with Wi-Fi and internet connection and the curriculum content is loaded on the server.

“The construction of this magnificent school costs more than R56 million and the school now stands as a beacon of hope for the learners of kokstad and the entire Harry Gwala District,” said MEC Frazer. She said Xoloxolo Primary is yet another fine example of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education’s commitment to the provision of a conducive and safe environment for quality teaching and learning to take place.

During her address, MEC Frazer appealed to the community of Kokstad to protect Xoloxolo from criminal activities as well as other attempts to disrupt teaching and learning at the school.

**- Amanda Memela**

# MEC FRAZER OFFICIALLY OPENS STATE-OF-THE-ART XOLOXOLO PRIMARY SCHOOL GALLERY







## 50 DAYS COUNT DOWN EVENT

**T**he KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer, together with the top management of the Department, conducted a countdown event before the start of the 2023 NSC exams. The DDG for Corporate Services, Advocate Bheki Masuku, who was directing the programme, encouraged learners to start their first step of their 100 miles. “With these 48 days left before final exams you can still do it,” he said.

Among the attendees were the officials of the department, various education stakeholders, educators, and learners. Mr Mazibuko, the DDG for Curriculum Management and Delivery, when outlining the purpose of the event, said that the previous class obtained 83%, therefore, the Class of 2023 is expected to obtain 100%. If they fail at least, they should obtain more than 83%.

Speaking in the hall packed by learners coming from various schools across the district, the DDG raised that, “we are here today to indicate to you learners that the time is now against us. We are also here to motivate you that you can all make it if you can start right now to pay more attention to your studies,” said Mr Mazibuko. DDG concluded by wishing the Class of 2023 all the best.

Dr David Chonco, the Chief Director responsible for District Operations

Management, provided the message of support during the event. In his message he highlighted the struggle the Class of 2023 went through during the Covid-19 pandemic, where some lost their parents. “The class of 2023 is the class that will make us proud. The class that won’t use the load shedding as an excuse, but make a positive plan to ensure they study beyond those difficulties. The class that will not use their background as their excuse, but learners that will excel and make us proud.”

The Head of Department, Mr Nathi Ngcobo, in his address outlined that 100% is a non-negotiable percent for the Class of 2023. “You are privileged that you attended Grade R and you were supported by your families up to this far. Your families depend on your education to change their lives. If you pass, you are not only doing it for yourselves, but for your families, for the province, and for the entire country. We want to see you next year in the higher-level institutions. To gain access to the higher institutions, you must pass Grade 12.”

The MEC, who was the keynote speaker during this prestigious event, reminded learners that successes and hard work are inseparable. “There is no magic in passing grade 12, but studying hard will contribute to your success.

During this time, there is no partying expected from you, and you are no longer expected to sleep without studying your books.”

The MEC further reminded learners that success is earned and not delivered in a silver platter. “Your data should be spent on researching school related matters not to waste your time on other irrelevant social media platforms,” said the MEC.

The MEC also motivated learners to study smart and encouraged them to rest when they are exhausted. The MEC further expressed her gratitude to all educators for their dedication in ensuring that learners are supported in every way in schools. “Your dedication in ensuring that our learners are taught regardless of the circumstances you are operating under, is recognized and appreciated.

The MEC rang the bell and light the candle, which symbolises that those learners are no longer expected to switch off their lights, but continuously study throughout the night.

In conclusion, the MEC urged the community to avoid disturbing schools during examinations, especially when they have grievances in their communities.

- **Nompumelelo Gasa**

# 50 DAYS COUNT DOWN EVENT GALLERY





## ANTON LEMBEDE MST ACADEMY SCIENCE AND INNOVATION DAY



The Anton Lembede School of Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy hosted its 3rd Annual Science and Innovation Day under the theme “Developing responsible citizens through nurturing and advancing science and technology.” The event was held at the school hall on the 01 September 2023.

Amongst the dignitaries present were the MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer, Mr Vivian Reddy, founder of Edison Power Group, Dr Ngogi Mahaye, the Deputy Chairperson of the school board and Ms Ntokozo Maphumulo the Treasurer.

The learners had their prototype

projects displayed in the school hall. During the walkabout, learners had a chance to present and demonstrate how they work and how they will help benefit the community.

“You are the future of science and innovation and in future you can make more money than me. Perseverance is not a long race, it is many short races one after the other. Failure is not fatal, but it is courage to continue that counts,” said Mr Vivian Reddy when giving the message of support to the learners.

The MEC was very proud and excited when she delivered her keynote address “Each project tells a story of passion, hard work and creativity.

Your innovation, dedication and tenacity have shone through brilliantly and I commend each and every one of you for your remarkable efforts.”

She also acknowledged the educators for their commitment to guiding and encouraging the learners to push boundaries, challenge conventions and explore new frontiers. She also told educators that their dedication and passion is the bedrock upon which the learner’s future is built.

**- Amanda Memela**

# ANTON LEMBEDE MST ACADEMY SCIENCE AND INNOVATION DAY GALLERY





## SOCIAL ILLS PREVENTION CAMPAIGN



The Department of Basic Education and the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, worked together with the Department of Health, the Department of Correctional Services, the Department of Social Development, the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development, the Department South African Police Services, the Department of Corporate Governance, the Office of the Premier, the Department of Home Affairs and the Department of Communications and Digital Technologies. The event was held at KwaMashu Christian Centre.

These Departments came together and held an Inter-Departmental Campaign on the prevention of violence, bullying, corporal punishment, Gender-Based Violence, learner pregnancy, drug and substance abuse. 800 learners from the 12 KZN Districts were invited to be part of the event. Among the attendees were Dr Reginah Mhaule, the Deputy Minister

- DBE, MEC Mbali Frazer, Deputy Minister of Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo, Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, Njabulo Nzunza, Deputy Minister of Correctional Services, SP Holomisa and Prince Africa Zulu from the Zulu Royal House.

The main objective of this campaign is to raise awareness on social ills affecting teaching and learning as well as provide learners and educators with alternatives on how to address these issues within the schooling environment and mobilise communities to take ownership of their schools.

All the Deputy Ministers gave messages of support to all the learners. Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo donated with a Wi-Fi to Isibonelo High School with 12 months' supply of data.

KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer in her remarks extended her appreciation to the traditional

leaders, labour formations, government departments, law enforcement agencies, the National Prosecuting Authority, the neighbouring communities, and School Governing Body Formations. "Thank you to our Deputy Ministers. We have no doubt that today's initiative will significantly improve our efforts aimed at safeguarding our learners' right to access quality education effectively." said the MEC

Deputy Minister for Basic Education, Dr Reginah Mhaule also thanked the stakeholders and other Departments for coming together and making the event successful. She mentioned that Adcock Ingram Donated 200 school shoes that the MEC will give to the deserving learners. Mr Richard Mabaso also donated with dignity packs to all the learners that were present at the event.

- **Amanda Memela**

# SOCIAL ILLS PREVENTION CAMPAIGN GALLERY





## KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WOMEN'S GALA DINNER



The Women's Gala Dinner themed Accelerating Socio-Economic Opportunities for Women's Empowerment was held at Coastlands Hotel, Umhlanga on the 25th of August 2023. This august event was directed by the programme director, Jacinta Ngobese, who is a radio presenter at Vuma FM and social media influencer.

Outlining the purpose of the event, Ms, TA Gumede, Chief Director for District Operations highlighted that in one year in office, MEC Mbali Frazer has already appointed nine women in senior management positions including the top management position.

This glamorous event which was attended by the Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo, DDG for Corporate Services, Advocate Bheki Masuku, DDG for Finance (CFO), Lal Rambaran, women in senior and in middle management



positions in the department, was the momentous one as it was graced by the presence of Dr Nonhlanhla Mkhize: Director-General, Office of the Premier as the guest speaker.

The Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo in his remarks, appreciated all women who attended the gala dinner and praise them for their elegance and beauty. "Indeed you heed the call of the dress code of being fabulous with the touch of glitz, undeniably you are all fabulous and beautiful," said the HoD. The HoD further introduced the guest speaker, Dr Nonhlanhla Mkhize the Director General: Office of the Premier.

Dr Nonhlanhla Mkhize sent her special gratitude to the MEC, Mbali Frazer, for ensuring that women in the department under her leadership are celebrated. She further appreciated her for empowering women in the department to occupy senior positions.



"Your background should not determine your destiny," said Dr Mkhize motivating all guests. The DG further pleaded with the HoD that as much as they want to be promoted in senior positions, however, "as women of KwaZulu-Natal, we want to be represented by the quality not by numbers," she concluded.

MEC delivered the vote of thanks, in her remarks she promised to continue empowering women as she believes that women are competent. "I thank you all for honouring the invitation and look this beautiful and fabulous. This day is dedicated to you, we are here to celebrate you and the work that you do for this department.

**- Nompumelelo Gasa**

# KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WOMEN'S GALA DINNER GALLERY







## INKOSI ALBERT LUTHULI ORAL HISTORY COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY AT GROUTVILLE, ILEMBE DISTRICT



**T**he KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer, presided over the Inkosi Albert Luthuli Oral History Awards Ceremony held at Groutville High School on the 26th of August 2023.

The purpose of the event was to celebrate the remarkable talent of learners who have excelled in oral history. Before the awards ceremony, MEC Frazer visited the gravesite of Nobel Peace Prize Laureate and struggle stalwart, Chief Albert Luthuli and his wife Mam' Nokukhanya Luthuli, where she laid a wreath in

their honour. She was joined by the members of the Luthuli family, led by Dr Albertina Luthuli at United Congregational Church of South Africa

MEC Frazer remarked on the significance of holding the esteemed event in Groutville, KwaDukuza, as it is the home of Albert Luthuli the struggle stalwart and the Noble Prize recipient, whom the programme is named after. The programme involves learners in the Further Education and Training (FET) phase in South Africa. Through the programme, learners honour the legacy of stalwarts, researchers and historians who made valuable contributions to-

wards the liberation of South Africa.

The programme forms part of the Department of Basic Education (DBE) contribution to the strengthening of teaching and learning of the history subject in schools, and oral history, whilst decolonising education. The aim of the programme is also look at oral history to unearth those untold stories that have received little recognition.

**- Mncedisi Ntombela**

# INKOSI ALBERT LUTHULI ORAL HISTORY COMPETITION AWARDS CEREMONY AT GROUVILLE, ILEMBE DISTRICT GALLERY





## MEC FRAZER WOMEN'S MONTH COMMEMORATION IN NTABAMHLOPHE



**T**he MEC, Ms Mbali Frazer in her capacity as the champion for uThukela District, hosted a Women's Month commemoration event in Ntabamhlophe, under Uthukela District on Thursday, 24th of August 2023.

The event celebrated the role played by women in uplifting their communities and society at large. Another objective was to motivate and encourage women to unite and support each other for their socio-economic development.

During her Keynote Address, MEC Frazer strongly discouraged the disruptive involvement of men in the suppression of women when they are due to ascend to higher positions, whether in the professional or political environment. "Our aim as an ANC-led Government is to arm women from all corners of this Province with all the tools they need to be able to participate fully in the socio-economic development initiatives as well as to fight against gender-based-violence and other forms of abuse directed at women," said MEC Frazer.

She further expressed her pain about the reports of the persistent abuse of women and called for all women to unite against this scourge.

**- Mncedisi Ntombela**



# AMAJUBA DISTRICT MATHEMATICS SUMMIT 2023



**O**n the 25th of August 2023, Amajuba District hosted the Mathematics Summit that took place at Ferum High School, in Newcastle.

Among the attendees were Mr Mbongiseni Mazibuko, DDG for Curriculum Management and Delivery, Mr Sikhumbuzo Manganye, Acting Chief Director: Curriculum and Management, Mr Sipiwe Kheswa : uMzinyathi District Director, Mrs Poppy Mokoena: uThukela District Director also Ms Busi Dladla, Director: GET.

The summit was hosted under the theme “ \_Breaking Mathematics

Barriers in the Schooling System. \_” During the summit, two topics were covered which include, improving teaching of Mathematics Gr 3,6 and 8 and improving teaching Mathematics Gr10

The goal of the summit is to enhance learner’s achievement in Mathematics and inspire more learners to choose Mathematics and Physical Science. The summit also aims to surpass the current 60% performances in Mathematics and overcome the limitations imposed by the 60% ceiling

The Amajuba District Director, Mr Themis Nzama outlined the purpose

of the event - speaking in the packed hall he said “ The Department of Basic Education ( DBE) declared the year 2023 as the year of Mathematics, The South African schooling system seems to be far away from achieving the 2030 sustainable goal number 4, if only 14 percent of South African poor young people, who are mostly black, are achieving a minimum standard in Mathematics compared to the performance of poor student in Ghana, a country that is behind South Africa when it comes to the economy,” said Mr Nzama

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- Mbali Zulu

# AMAJUBA DISTRICT MATHEMATICS SUMMIT 2023 GALLERY





## PROVINCIAL SCHOOLS MOOT COURT COMPETITION 2023



The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education in partnership with the Department of Justice and South African Human Rights Commission, hosted the 2023 Provincial Moot Court Competition at Durban Magistrate Court on the 16th of September 2023.

The School Moot Court programme provides an opportunity for the entire legal profession of the country to be engaged with the promotion of the constitution and the role of the law in our society.

The purpose of the Moot Court is not only about the law but the founding values that holds together countries constitutional law. The School Moot Court programme has managed to explore various sections of the bill of right such as equality, freedom of expression and human dignity.

The schools that participated were: Bhevu Secondary, Mathubeszwe Secondary, KwaPhikaziwa Secondary, Injoloba Secondary, Ngebeza Secondary, Port Shepstone Secondary, Mowat Park High, Lady-smith Secondary, Mandini Secondary and Sarel Cilliers High School.

The winners were:

- \* Mathubeszwe High School: iLembe District
- \* Bhevu High School: uThukela District
- \* Mowat High School: Umlazi District
- \* Sarel Cilliers High: uMzinyathi District

- Mbali Zulu



## PROVINCIAL SPELLING BEE



The Department hosted the Provincial Spelling Bee. This event was held at Resmount Primary School on the 14th of September 2023. Among the attendees were the Chief Director for Curriculum, Mrs Sindi Zakuza-Njakazi and the Director:Curriculum Grade 1 to 9, Ms Busi Dladla. The event was all about reading and spelling.

Ms Mbotho the Programme Director stated that the spellers would not be where they are if they were not practicing the spelling and reading on a regular basis, she also congratulated spellers to be able to gain their access to participate at the Provincial level. She encouraged learners to read as she stated, “if you are not a good reader, you cannot be a good leader. You are today a reader and tomorrow you are a leader”, said Ms Mbotho.” She also motivated learners to avoid e-Books so that they can practice more reading.

Remarking during the event, Mrs Zakuza-Njakazi stated that she is witnessing good work of educators in assisting learners to spell. She encouraged spellers as they have started a journey in leadership. “Spelling is an important component in reading as it improves literacy,” said Mrs Zakuza. She shared words of wisdom to spellers by saying their literacy will improve their vocabulary and communication, because spelling and reading will help them in their daily lives. “Reading can help you to discover the world and by reading your concentration and understanding also improves,” she said.

Ms Dladla elaborated on the about the purpose of the Spelling BEE and participation of each learner. She stated that Spelling Bee is a game because you compete orally and it improves English language proficiency and vocabulary. “ The purpose of Spelling Bee is to promote vocabulary. The learners are ambassadors for their schools as each district had 3 learners represent-

ing their district,” said Ms Dladla. It was emphasized that all learners are already winners, and they were being acknowledged for the participation.

The prize winner with districts 1st place was Maharaj Mithali from Effingham Heights Primary under Umlazi District. 2nd place was Yousuf Khadija from Deccan Road Primary under Umgungundlovu District. 3rd place was Singh Ashton from Westville Senior Primary under Pinetown District.

**- Sifunokuhle Gumede**

# PROVINCIAL SPELLING BEE GALLERY







## UMLAZI DISTRICT ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION



**A**s part of the Read to Lead Campaign, Umlazi District hosted an annual Spelling Bee Competition on the 25 of August 2023 at Gordon Road Girls Primary School. The purpose of the spelling bee competition is to help promote literacy by providing learners with a positive goal to work towards and develop the love of reading in the process.

The objectives of the competition are to promote literacy among Intermediate Phase learners and to increase the vocabulary of Intermediate Phase Learners. The competition targets learners in grade 4-6 with the aim to improve

learners' performance in languages.

The event was sponsored by Oxford University and MacMillan Education. The learner had to go through 5 rounds to make to the top three that will represent the district at the National Spelling Bee Championships. The top 3 district winners were 1st place Mithali Maharaj from Effingham Heights Primary School, second place was Azani Khumalo from Briardale Primary School and third place was Joel Govender from Willow Park Primary School.

The Umlazi District Director, Mrs Busi Mahlambi in her keynote address said, "a healthy competition will help learners

grow and develop skills in a sportsmanlike manner, unfortunately we don't always win all the time, losing does not mean you are not capable, but you gain another chance to excel and get the ability to handle pressure. The participants of the Spelling Bee Competition are considered to be all winners. Always remember that readers are leaders."

**- Amanda Memela**

# UMLAZI DISTRICT ANNUAL SPELLING BEE COMPETITION GALLERY





## 40 DAYS COUNTDOWN TO NSC EXAMINATIONS



**U**mlazi District hosted the 40 days countdown to the National Senior Certificate examinations under the theme, “THE FINAL PUSH” on the 21st of September 2023. The school principals motivated learners and advised them on what and what not to do when preparing for examinations. “As we are approaching the NSC final examinations, it’s very vital to make sure that learners are studying in a conducive environment so that they don’t get easily distracted,” said the school principal of Phumela Secondary School.

Ms Mash, the Principal of Sibusisiwe Comprehensive High school, under the uMbumbulu Circuit, highlighted how they have been preparing themselves for the NSC examinations, She mentioned that on Saturdays and Sundays, her educators conduct classes to ensure that all learners get 100%. Her words of motivation concluded by her quoting the greatest words of Nelson Mandela, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world”.

Mrs Busi Mahlambi, Umlazi District Director, congratulated the Class of 2023. “Principals of schools we are here to thank you for the wonderful work that you have been doing in schools - you are the hearts of Umlazi District and without you, we wouldn’t have been able to produce good results,” said Mrs Mahlambi.

**- Mfundo Msomi**

# WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE GALLERY





## WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE



**U**mgungundlovu District celebrated and commemorated women in leadership under the theme “Accelerating Sociology-Economic Opportunities for Women Empowerment”. The event took place at Victoria County Club on the 21st of September 2023.

The purpose of the day was to celebrate women who fought against oppression and gender discrimination and to celebrate womanhood in a form of a leadership conference.

Mr Siquhamo Mabinza the District Director, spoke about how there is no equal participation in the so-

cio-economic activities, women being constrained and oppressed in accessing leadership positions. He encouraged equal opportunities for women to take up leadership positions and fight against gender inequality.

Women were encouraged to unite and work collaboratively and find new strategies as they still face challenges like: Gender Based Violence (GBV), crime and gender inequality in schools. They were also encouraged to utilise opportunities presented by the department.

**- Sithabile Ndlovu**



# WOMEN IN MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE GALLERY





## UNICEF FOUNDATION PHASE (SIX BRICKS) TRAINING WORKSHOP



The Department of Education in Kwa-Zulu Natal, General Education and Training (GET) and Early Childhood Development (ECD) directorates in partnership with UNICEF and Class Act, organised a training workshop on the use of Six Bricks (Learning Through Play) at Coastlands Hotel on the 30th August 2023.

The Department of Basic Education, the LEGO Foundation, UNICEF launched the Foundation Phase Initiative Programme (FPI) for play based learning using six LEGO bricks. The aim of this initiative is to strengthen the capacity of pre-primary and foundation phase work-force to deliver play-based learning through manipulatives. The goal is also to increase the

number of grade 3 learners to master the minimum language and numeracy competencies, to improve the access of quality ECD below grade 1.

Ms Busi Dladla, GET Director, during her interview outlined that she is very excited about this initiative. "I am very excited about this initiative as it will bring a lot of change in foundation phase, what I like more about the manipulatives is that we can teach them colours, how to count and language. We can do physical education through the Six Bricks."

In the workshop, Chief Educational Specialists (CESSs), Teaching and Learning Support (TLS), GET and Grade R-3 Subject Advisors for all subjects were invited to attend the orien-

tation training. The Subject Advisors together with the UNICEF Trainers, will be expected to train SMTs and all grade R-3 teachers in the province.

Engenas Senona from UNICEF said, "most learners have challenges in class, but once they have manipulatives which are these six bricks, they can learn while playing which becomes fun when they have things that they can touch, feel and see they come out of their shells."

**- Amanda Memela**



## DIRECTOR-GENERAL'S PROVINCIAL READING LITERACY ENGAGEMENT



The Department of Basic Education (DBE) in conjunction with the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education, hosted a Director-General's (DG) Reading Literacy roadshow sessions. The sessions took at Pinetown, Ugu, uThukela and uMkhanyakude districts, with the representation of all the districts within the province involved. This Engagement took place from the 21st of August to the 24th of August 2023.

The purpose of these sessions were to revive and enhance the department's efforts in shaping the education in our country towards

a culture of reading and literacy.

"To reaffirm the sector sense of strategic direction, rekindle and restore the efforts of the sector in getting the nation to read and lead, making and building the capacity of a capable and ethical sector to be business of every school principal, placing the upkeep and maintenance of school facilities, sharing lessons on leading basic schools functionality to par excellence from the front and heighten the focus for increase support on the class of 2023 to perform better than the previous three classes", said the DG while outlining the objective of the Engagement sessions.

The Director-General led the Reading Literacy Engagement together with the KZN Department of Education DDG Curriculum Delivery and Management, Mr Mazibuko who welcomed the DG and all delegates on behalf of the Head of Department, Mr Nkosinathi Ngcobo. In attendance were the District Directors and Senior Management Members of the Department. The principals of schools were also in attendance at the various events and were also active participants in the engagement process.

**- Lungelo Msomi**





## ECD ADVOCACY SESSIONS



**W**ith the Early Childhood Development functions shift from the Department of Social Development to DBE, the Department is now responsible for children from birth to Grade 12.

The DDG: Curriculum Management and delivery held ECD advocacy sessions in all the 12 districts, aiming to inform, clarify misconceptions and to have a conversation that lead to a more synergised and effective approach to the implementation of the ECD programmes and also intended to improve efficient service delivery to the ECD sector.

- Sihle Mlotshwa



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