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2023 MESSAGE BY THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR, MR PP MAGAGULA TO ALL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT STAKEHOLDERS

I warmly welcome all officials and stakeholders of the Department of Education to the year 2023. 2022 is gone, but it leaves behind a rich history and good memories worthy to be cultivated in 2023 and beyond.

I am duty bound to remind all stakeholders in 2023 that we have a collective responsibility to appreciate and honour our teachers, parents and all education stakeholders for supporting and equipping the class of 2022 with priceless knowledge, rare skills, values, positive attitude, and unforgettable memories. In the academic year 2022, the district proudly produced two outstanding learners who featured in the Top Ten in Mpumalanga.

With 2022 behind us, we have productive, profitable and good stories of excellence and quality to tell. I call upon all education partners and stakeholders to work harder in 2023 to sustain gains in our education. Let us add lifelong connections to the class of 2023 that make them superb, wonderful, quality, and excellent people. For the academic year

2022, we have used different expressions to describe excellent work. The District Grade 12 results improved as follows: 2020= 70,9 %, 2021= 72,2 % and finally, 2022 resulting in 77,7 %. The district now has a legacy of being the most improved district in Mpumalanga in 2022 with 5,5 % improvement. We have done a tremendously outstanding job and have been given recognition that brands the Gert Sibande District positively.

We are entering 2023 with pride that one of our own, Lekwa East Circuit, managed to put Gert Sibande District on the Map of Excellence. Out of 71 circuits in Mpumalanga, it emerged as the Overall Best Circuit with a 96,6 % achievement. This is indeed historic as it is also the most improved circuit in the province and in the district in the 2022 NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE Examination results with an improvement of 15,4 %.

On behalf of the district, I am pledging an improvement rate of at least 85 % in 2023. All circuits and schools in the district are prioritising discipline as the best tool to achieve success and confront poor teaching and learning. In the academic year 2023, discipline will be increasingly used as a popular topic to address poor performance. It is only disciplined circuits and schools that can enhance life skills of commitment and dedication to a goal or vision.

All circuits and schools must preach discipline in 2023 to provide effective guidance for all teachers and learners to reach their desired outcomes. The district has observed that in all underperforming circuits and schools, such institutions have challenges of discipline and poor relationships. All schools must adhere to discipline routines in order to improve results.

Disciplined schools with good relations have the potential to break down complex problems and work with peace. It is only disciplined principals, teachers and learners who have potential to achieve success and confront underperformance, risks and problems in schools. The discipline collective in a school setting must provide individuals with dedication, focus, problem-solving strategies and help in the attainment and fulfilment of quality and excellent results.



CLLR MNGOMEZULU'S SUPPORT FOR EDUCATION, A PATHWAY FOR MOVING DISTRICT PEOPLE FROM POVERTY TO PROSPERITY

The Gert Sibande District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Walter Mngomezulu's support of education is a pathway to move the people of Gert Sibande and its seven municipalities from poverty to prosperity. He is a leader with vision who prioritises education as the centerpiece of human development. He values education as a system with potential to building a healthy, skilled and productive nation.

Cllr Mngomezulu is one of the world leaders who campaigns for an education system that can unleash the full potential of all citizens and prepare them for the demands of a rapidly changing society. He is an epitome of leaders who believe in building a sustainable future for all through education.

Cllr Mngomezulu, through Gert Sibande District Municipality which he leads, sponsors a laptop for each Top Learner in our local municipalities. Namely: Govan Mbeki, Dipaleseng, Chief Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo, Lekwa, Msukaligwa and Pixley Ka Isaka Seme. He also sponsors three girl learners from CRDP Municipalities. Namely: Chief Albert Luthuli, Mkhondo and Pixley Ka Isaka Seme.

At each Grade 12 Awards, Gert Sibande District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Walter Mngomezulu, sponsors R10 000 for the overall Best Learner in the municipality. He welcomes the celebration of the prestigious Gert Sibande Education Department Grade 12 Awards to take place in his state-of-the-art building.

Through his operations, he influences communities to value education for the realisation of a truly non-racial and non-sexist society that embraces substantive equality for all; regardless of race, class, gender, religion or origin. He urges all to use education in the building of a society based on human solidarity, where no one is left out and no one is left behind.

Every year, Cllr Mngomezulu motivates the Grade 12 class and wishes them luck with their examinations. He knows that building a society that protects and cares for the poor and most vulnerable, needs quality education. He wishes to have a municipality, and at large a country, free from crime. This includes the eradication of gender-based violence, and creating a safe and secure environment for all.

The Department of Education appreciates leaders who prioritise education and use it in the building and growing of an inclusive economy that creates more jobs and offers opportunities to all.

The District Director, Mr PP Magagula appreciates Cllr Mngomezulu, his predecessor Cllr Muzi Chirwa and the Local Municipality Executive Mayors who are always visible and offering their unwavering support for education. He praises them as leaders who spearhead the delivery of quality education and provide relevant skills to all citizens so that they can play a productive and active role in a rapidly changing society and economy.

Cllr Mngomezulu believes that if all stakeholders can commit and support education, the transformation of societies from poverty to prosperity can be realised.

NKAMBULE BATHOBILE PENELOPE HAS DONE MPUMALANGA, GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT AND MASHISHILA CIRCUIT PROUD IN 2022



The former learner of D&C Primary and Highveld Secondary School in Mashishila, has a total of 1714 marks from the best six subjects. She achieved distinctions in all her subjects.

At the Provincial level, for her achievement, she received a car, a R15 000 bursary for being the Overall Learner in Isiswati, R10 000 for being amongst the top learners in Physical Science and R20 000 for being in the Top Ten in Mpumalanga as well as other tokens.

On the 27th of January 2023 at Gert Sibande District Grade 12 Awards, she received a laptop from ABT World and another one from the District Municipality Executive Mayor, Cllr Walter Mngomezulu. She received R20 000 from Sasol, a R4000 Game voucher from AGO Legacy PTY LTD, a travel case from Old Mutual, a travel bag from Erme-lo Volkswagen and Panini from Habanna Trading PTY LTD.



In 2017, when she was completing Grade Seven at D&C Primary, Bathobile Nkambule wrote this prophetic poem about her life. She and Bhekizizwe Thomo, are being congratulated for having dominated the Top Ten learners in Mpumalanga and for having branded Gert Sibande District with excellence and quality. The district is now known for its quality and excellence because of their huge achievement.



Nkambule Bathobile Penelope taught the world a lesson that pushing one's boundaries and exiting one's comfort zone has a reward. She is a role model of inspiration. She carries with her the word and influence that 'every youth should make the world a better place'.

She is the second Gert Sibande District girl learner to be crowned as an overall learner in Mpumalanga and receive a car following a girl learner from Hoërskool Hoogenhout in Bethal. She has multiplied value in her journey of branding girl learners.

Congratulations girl and continue being an ambassador of excellence!

Nkambule Bathobile Penelope has done Mpumalanga, Gert Sibande District and Mashishila proud in 2022. She is an overall best learner in Mpumalanga and in Gert Sibande District, and second best quintile one to three in South Africa.

**THE DISTRICT DIRECTOR, MR PP MAGAGULA
MOTIVATES THE CLASS OF 2023 GRADE 12 LEARNERS TO EMULATE THE CLASS
OF 2022 AND BE DEFINED BY EXTRAORDINARY!**



I take this opportunity to appreciate the class of 2022 for their hard work, dedication, commitment and for being role models of excellence and extraordinary learners. It is again an honour for me to urge the class of 2023 to emulate and even supersede their performances and make all the district stakeholders proud.

The District was defined by excellence in 2022 and I, together with DMT and all stakeholders in Gert Sibande District, expect the class of 2023 to work very hard. I challenge you as the 2023 learners to supersede the class of 2022 performance and emerged as trend setters of excellence. I call upon all circuits, schools education community members and stakeholders to support the class of 2023 so that they can also be defined by excellence.

The 2022 District Top Ten learners and all who excelled in subjects had the will to win, the desire to succeed and the urge to reach their full potential. I call upon the class of 2023 to have a competitive spirit and break the record. This kind of positive attitude has power to unlock the doors to personal excellence.

I call upon the class of 2023 to be extraordinary and go above and beyond what is expected. I motivate you to adopt the habit of extraordinary learners and be counted amongst the extraordinary people.

Kindly note that extraordinary people or learn-



ers have self-confidence to keep grinding even when things look bleak. Be authentic, set big goals, make an effort to stay organized, continue to push yourself, be a perfectionist and accept excellence.

Always smell distinctions in your subject and Bachelor pass in your studies, said Mr PP Magagula, Gert Sibande District Director.

THE MEC MOTIVATES MKHONDO MUNICIPALITY'S CLASS OF 2023 TO EMULATE BATHOBILE NKAMBULE

On the 16th of March 2023, the MEC for the Department of Education in Mpumalanga, Mr Bonakele Majuba, motivated Mkhondo Municipality's class of 2023 to emulate Bathobile Nkambule, who is the 2022 Grade 12 Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga. Mr Majuba's motivation benefited 1430 Mkhondo East and 440 Mkhondo West Circuits' Grade 12 class of 2023.

Mr Majuba urged 1870 Grade 12 learners of Mkhondo East and West to emulate Bathobile Penelope Nkambule, the 2022 Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga and the second best nationally in quintile one to three schools. "Bathobile Penelope Nkambule is a role model worthy to be emulated", said Mr Majuba.

The following Mkhondo East and West Secondary Schools with Grade 12 benefited from the MEC's address: Inqubeko, Cana, Kwashuku, Ubuhlebusile, Zendelingspost, Ndlela, Amadlelo, Kempstiding, Sinethemba and Piet Retief Combined. These schools must appreciate the MEC's visit with the achievement of excellent and quality results in 2023.

In the academic year 2022, Mkhondo East Circuit achieved 64% and Mkhondo West 82,5%. Both circuits are expected to perform above 85% in the academic year 2023. Mr Majuba urged the class of 2023 to be disciplined, respectful and emulate Bathobile Nkambule,

"When you have Grade 12, all is possible. You must embrace the Lion of the East, Mr Richard Gert Sibande, who became a champion of the oppressed and an embodiment of dedication, commitment and perseverance in the fight against apartheid in Bethal", said Mr Majuba.

Chief Mthethwa urged the class of 2023 to rise and do better than the class of 2022 and make Mkhondo Municipality proud. The motivational speaker, Pastor Allie Mokoena, assured the class of 2023 that when God says 'Yes', who



can say 'No'? "Have a positive attitude towards life and your schooling. See yourself as a learner who is going to pass Grade 12 in 2023. Choose to have a better life through quality education", said Pastor Allie.

**PICTORIAL: THE MEC MOTIVATES MKHONDO
MUNICIPALITY'S CLASS OF 2023 TO EMULATE BATHOBILE NKAMBULE**



DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FOR MS DF NKOSI ON HER EARLY RETIREMENT



On the 14th of April 2023, the District Management Team staged an event in honour of Ms DF Nkosi, the CES (Chief Education Specialist) for GET (General Education and Training). Mr PP Magagula, the District Director of Gert Sibande Education, handed over his message of appreciation for Ms DF Nkosi's productive, profitable and beneficial message when serving the department from the 1st of July 2008 until the 28th of February 2023. The message reads as follows:

"The Mpumalanga Department of Education in the Gert Sibande District highly values and appreciates you, Ms. Duduzile Faith Nkosi for your fifteen (15) years of selfless service as a Chief Education Specialist (CES) responsible for GET Curriculum.

You are appreciated and remembered for having branded the department with excellence, quality service, dedication, commitment and hard work. You will always be reminisced about as a vibrant GET Curriculum expert and mother-figure who carried the vision, mission and values of the department forward when implementing curriculum matters.

The Department of Education applauds you as a role model of excellence and quality worthy to be emulated. Your bravery and confidence when accelerating excellence in education delivery are in the nation's long-term memories.

We are proud for having worked with you as a responsible, reliable and trustworthy Chief Education Specialist who left an indelible mark and legacy that no one would erase.

You always worked effectively with stakeholders, responded to curriculum issues diligently, and ensured effective management of GET Curriculum Implementation. Your professionalism, integrity, accountability, transparency, innovation, consultation, honesty, excellence, accessibility and morals are tattooed in the Department of Education's maxim.

Allow us to give you this humble token of appreciation, thank you for all the years you have guided the district. We will miss your spectacular guidance and your support. You are permanently appreciated!"



SCHOOLS URGED TO PROFILE BEST PERFORMING CANDIDATES IN BIG ENROLMENT CONTENT SUBJECTS

In the academic year 2022, Gert Sibande District produced an Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga who was also second best in the quintile two Secondary Schools in South Africa. At the 2022 Gert Sibande District Grade 12 Awards, the Gert Sibande District Executive Mayor, Cllr W Mngomezulu and the Education Department District Director, Mr PP Magaula called all Secondary Schools to profile their learners and produced more learners who performed at 100% pass rate.

The two District leaders called all secondary schools to enhance distinctiveness, reputation and student success. They motivated schools to use these brilliant learners to motivate the class of 2023.

"We must be bold and recommit ourselves to our core purpose. All secondary schools need not to look far; we have wonderful examples to draw on among our 2022 Grade 12 students."

Thank you to the centres below for prioritising excellence and quality. We look forward to celebrating more learners at 100% club in 2023 and beyond.

SUBJECT	NAME OF CENTER	SURNAME	NAME	Total Marks
Accounting	Highveld Secondary	Nkambule	Bathobile Penelope	297.2
Agricultural Sciences	Simtfolile Secondary	Ngozo	Nosipho Zenani	284.5
Business Studies	Magotshwa Secondary	Zwane	Lesedi	300
Economics	Magotshwa Secondary	Zwane	Lesedi	281.7
Geography	Highveld Secondary	Thomo	Bhekisizwe Magnificent	280.9
History	Thuto Thebe Secondary	Mtolo	Lerato Amanda	276.4
Life Sciences	Highveld Secondary	Nkambule	Bathobile Penelope	290.2
Maths Literacy	Carolina Combined	Nhlapo	Mpumelelo	300
Mathematics	Highveld Secondary	Thomo	Bhekisizwe Magnificent	300
Mathematics	Kempsiding Combined	Sukazi	Mfanikhona Wiseman	300
Physical Sciences	Simtfolile Secondary	Ngozo	Nosipho Zenani	299.5
EGD	Hoerskool Secunda	De Vries	Lianke	286.7
CAT	Hoerskool Volksrust	Moolman	Nicolaas Tobias	288.3
Technical Maths	Masizakhe Secondary	Zwane	Mangaliso Ernest	286.2
Technical Science	AD Nkosi Secondary Combined	Khoza	Lindokuhle Nqobile	273.3
Tourism	Lilanga Secondary Combined	Phakathi	Mthobisi Sipho	282.8



2023 GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT'S GRADE 12 TOP 100 (CRÈME' DE LA CRÈME') EVENT ON 07 AUGUST 2023 AT GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, A PRECURSOR CELEBRATION OF 2024 JANUARY DISTRICT GRADE 12 EVENT.



2023 GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT'S GRADE 12 TOP 100 (CRÈME' DE LA CRÈME') EVENT ON 07 AUGUST 2023 AT GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, A PRECURSOR CELEBRATION OF 2024 JANUARY DISTRICT GRADE 12 EVENT.



2023 MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION NTA

The Department congratulates Ms. Ntombizodwa PM Masombuka who is a lifelong teacher at Allan Makhunga Primary School in Gert Sibande District who obtained position one in the category Kadar Asmal Lifetime Achievement Award at the occasion of the Provincial Installment of the National Teaching Awards.

Ms Masombuka involves herself in a number of school and community activities. She has mentored and assisted a number of teachers to obtain their university qualifications.

“I am a motivational speaker who works with church and local clubs to assist in self-growth and development, especially with women with regard to family growth. I assisted in the process of providing an amputee Grade 7 learner with an artificial leg. I believe in creating effective good working relations with all stakeholders, she concluded

Well done, Ms. Masombuka. You are the shining star of the Place of the Rising Sun.

Mpumalanga is proud of you.

No one is being left behind.

BabizeBonke
#RhandzaXiKoloXaWenaCampaign
(Article from Mpumalanga Department of Education Facebook Page)



**GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT NTA ON 11 AUGUST 2023 AT GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT
MUNICIPALITY MAYOR'S PALOUR**



THE 2022 DUNDONALD CIRCUIT LEADERS ARE ROLE MODELS OF WORKERS WHO WORK WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND BREAK RECORD



The Circuit Manager of Dundonald, Mr Gama DR has passed away but his legacy of excellent standards and motivation remains. In the academic year 2022, the circuit operated without a direct manager and Mr MS Phako was care taking. The managers superseded expectations through self-management and on the 10th of March 2023, during 2022 Dundonald Circuit Awards, it was evident that they managed to break the record, by recording 90.8% excellent and quality results.

These primary and secondary school managers and their teachers became 2022 role models of workers who worked

without supervision and break record. For the first time, Dundonald Circuit achieved 90.9% and all education community members within the circuit became role models of workers who worked professionally without supervision.

It is sometimes unusual for employees to have self-motivated employees who can also break the record of excellent performance. The Dundonald Circuit employees have been epitomes of disciplined employees who need no supervision when doing their work and they are appreciated for the positive attitude. They became role models and other circuits and schools must copy the good practice.

In the academic year 2023, the circuit continues its journey of excellence and has potential to perform at 95% and above. On the 10th of March 2023, they celebrated the hard work and motivated each other to continue with the 90% upward trajectory. Two Secondary Schools, Magotswa and Chief CJ Nkosi, were given a standing ovation in honour of their 100% pass rate.

Mr MS Phako, the caretaker of the circuit and District CES responsible for Circuit Coordination, applauded the circuit for having performed above the District 2022 target of 85% and has achieved more Bachelors. The Circuit holds Position four in Mpumalanga and position three in Gert Sibande District. It is number one in the Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality.

The motivational speaker Mrs Dawn Mngomezulu, who is the Ithemba Teacher Development Centre Manager, appreciated Dundonald Circuit's education community members for their self-management because in 2022, the circuit was operating without the direct manager.

PICTOIAL : THE 2022 DUNDONALD CIRCUIT LEADERS ARE ROLE MODELS OF WORKERS WHO WORK WITHOUT SUPERVISION AND BREAK RECORD



MPULUZI CIRCUIT BELIEVES IN A BETTER WORLD, HENCE ITS 2022 BEST PERFORMING HIGH ENROLMENT CIRCUIT



There is a moral principle that those who believe in a better world, must be the first to produce quality results that will change the status of the poor people. In the academic year 2022, Mpu-luzi Circuit proved to be a caring circuit when it was awarded with the 2022 Best Performing High Enrolment Circuit with more Bachelors in the Gert Sibande District Grade 12 Awards event on the 27th of January 2023.

In the academic year 2022, 2047 wrote and 1694 passed and circuit got 82.8%. The results were as follows: 774 out of 2047 obtained Bachelor Passes which constituted into 37,8%. The circuit improved with 0,3%. The circuit celebrated the quality results and its accolade in their Grade 12 Awards on the 17th of February 2023 at May-flower Secondary School.

It is the quality outcomes in education which help people break from the cycle of poverty and reduce inequalities. The Bachelor passes have potential to change the status of the settlements from rural into a township. The lives of the Mpu-luzi community will be empowered and they will live healthier and sustainable lives as a result of quality in schools.

The Bachelor passes motivate students to have the highest skills, knowledge, values and positive attitude and drives them to be successful in life, get good jobs, start their own businesses, and make positive contributions to society.

Obtaining a quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and sustainable development.

The District Director, Mr PP Magagula, praised the circuit for prioritising quality, thus ensuring the majority of learners that pass with Bachelor requirements are at institutions of higher learning and completing profitable and productive courses. The circuit is responding to the UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific Organisation) mission of "A world where every person has access to relevant, quality education and lifelong learning mission".

The circuit has potential to reach the 2023 district target of 85% and above. What is more exciting about 2022 Mpuluzi Circuit's Grade 12 results is its achievement of the highest number of Bachelor passes and such learners have potential to learn courses that are in high demand, get employment opportunities and secure a better income.

PICTORIAL: MPULUZI CIRCUIT BELIEVES IN A BETTER WORLD, HENCE ITS 2022 BEST PERFORMING HIGH ENROLMENT CIRCUIT



DR BENSON MADONGORERE BRANDED CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI CIRCUIT WITH DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY IN SCIENCE EDUCATION

On the 14th of April 2023, a Carolina Combined Educator was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education by University of South Africa. Carolina Combined School has a role model of excellence and embodiment of dedication, commitment and hard work. It is through his huge achievement that when he teaches the nation, learners will value each lesson because they have been tested in the world of the highest educational order.

His problem-solving, critical thinking abilities, his capacity and tenacity in the delivery of quality education will uplift the results of Carolina Combined and Chief Albert Luthuli Circuit. Carolina institutions have a driver of excellence and quality in their implementation of teaching and learning.

His Qualifications

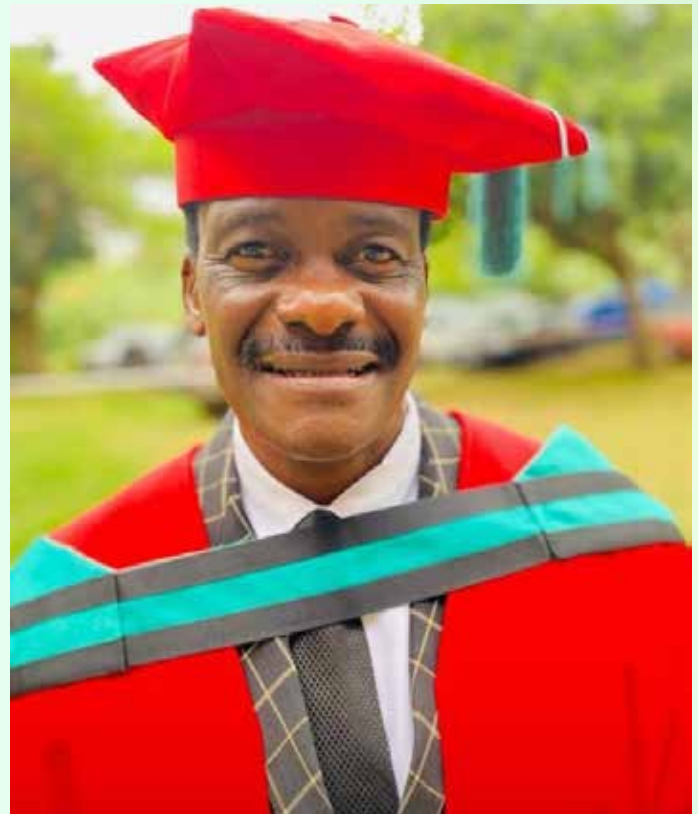
- 2019 to 2022 Doctor of Philosophy in Science Education. University of South Africa (UNISA).
- 2016 to 2018 Master of Education in Adult Basic Education and Training. UNISA.
- 2012 to 2014 Honors in ABET. UNISA.
- 1998 to 2000 BTech in Educational Management at Tshwane University of Technology.
- 1995 to 1996 Diploma in Marketing and Industrial Relations. CPM, UK.
- 1994 Certificate in Personnel Management. IPMZ, Zimbabwe.
- 1991 to 1993 Diploma in Education with a double major in Pure Sciences. University of Zimbabwe.

His Work History

2010 to date: Carolina Combined School, Head of Department for Science, and educator for Physical Science and Life Science.

2008 to 2009: Zinikeleni Secondary School as a CS1 Educator.

1998 to 2007: ZDECO College, Harare Zimbabwe. Assistant Head of Department for Exams,



educator for Geography, Biology and Science. 1993 to 1997: Glenview High 1 Harare Zimbabwe as Head of Driving Club and educator for Sciences.

- The Accolades conferred to him:
- Best Physical Science teacher in Gert Sibande 2019, NTA.
- First runner up UNISA innovation and technology PHD category. 2019.
- Best Physical Science teacher in Chief Albert Luthuli Circuit with 100% pass 2019 to 2022.

Personal Philosophy:

Life is about what you want to be. Appreciation for other people's success helps one to mould his dreams. People you associate with determine what you want to be. Success is not about intelligence, it is about your resilience in times of challenges, never giving up and fixing your attention on a given goal. Optimal effort will never go unrewarded. You are a designer for your failure. Check yourself always when things are not going the way you want.



CHIEF ALBERT LUTHULI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATED 82,1% IN 2022, AN IMPROVEMENT FROM 78% IN 2021

On the 3rd of February 2023, the Executive Mayor of Chief Albert Local Municipality, Cllr DP Nkosi, in his love of education, influenced the community of the local municipality to celebrate an improvement of 78% in 2021 to 82,1% in 2022. The Local Municipality schools branded it with 81,6% in 2019, 71,4% in 2020, 78,0% in 2021 and 82,1% in 2022. Dundonald Circuit was an Overall Best Performing Circuit in the Municipality. Mpuluzi Circuit produced an overall high number of Bachelor passes and had the highest enrollment.

Mashishila Circuit produced an Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga through Highveld Secondary School,

Nkambule Bathobile Penelope. Bathobile branded Mpumalanga, Gert Sibande District and Mashishila with excellence and quality. She was the 2022 Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga and Second Best Learner from Quintile one to three in South Africa.

Two learners at Mashishila Circuit from Highveld Secondary School featured in the 2022 Mpumalanga Provincial Top Ten learners. Thomo Bhekisizwe Magnificent achieved 100%, 300 out of 300 in Mathematics. Magnificent's outstanding performance in Mathematics opened doors for him to enroll for Medicine at the University of Cape Town.

Mpuluzi Circuit produced Nozipho Zenani Ngozo from Simtfolile Secondary School who obtained 100% pass, 300 out of 300 in Physical Sciences. Zenani emerged as one of the three learners in Mpumalanga who achieved 100% pass, and 300 out of 300 in Physical Sciences. Ngozo Nozipho Zenani featured in the District Top Ten learners and is currently enrolled for Medicine at the University of Pretoria.

The Chief Albert Luthuli Local Municipality's Executive Mayor, Cllr DP Nkosi praised the five circuits under his local municipality, the Albert Luthuli, eManzana, Masishila, Dundonald and Mpuluzi for building reputation and uplifting it with national competitiveness. He urged all best learners, who represented the municipality well, to continue being Chief Albert Luthuli Municipality's Brand Ambassadors. He motivated them to excel in influencing excellence in different institutions of higher learning.

Two Secondary Schools from Dundonald Circuit, Magotshwa under Ms Nedzamba and Chief CJ Nkosi under Mr Jele, made the municipality and Gert Sibande District proud through their 100% pass rate in 2022. Chief CJ Nkosi has been achieving 100% since (year missing).

MR PP MAGAGULA'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE TO CHIEF CJ NKOSI FOR THEIR 100% IN 2021 AND 2022, A MOTIVATION



"I congratulate the SMT, teachers and learners of Chief CJ Nkosi Secondary School at Dundonald Circuit under the leadership of Mr Jele for the 100% in 2021 and 2022. I have also observed that you have been performing so well wherein 2018, you achieved 95,7%, 2019=91,3%, 2020=88,9%, 2021=73,1%, 2021=100% and 2022=100%.

You are appreciated for being a reflection of your talent and commitment to excellence. Congratulations on this fantastic achievement and best of luck in all your future endeavours. You have accomplished something truly amazing! You should be so proud of yourself for all of the hard work you put in to reach your 100% excellence.

Your determination and perseverance has paid off in a big way. Congratulations on reaching such a significant milestone. You have earned every bit of recognition coming your way from the Provincial Office, District and Circuit levels. Your achievement is a testament to your talent, passion, and hard work. Keep up the great work!



I am so impressed by your dedication and commitment to achieving your goal. You are an inspiration to us all with your incredible achievement. Congratulations and keep reaching for the stars! You have set the bar high for all of us with your amazing accomplishment. Congratulations on your success! This impressive achievement has paid off your hard work and dedication. You are proof that anything is possible with hard work, determination, and perseverance. Congratulations on your achievement!

DISTRICT DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE OF APPRECIATION FOR MR JC SIKHOSANA ON HIS RETIREMENT.



On the 14th of April 2023, the District Management Team staged an event in honour of Mr JC Sikhosana, the Deputy Director for Labour Relations. Mr PP Magagula, the District Director of Gert Sibande Education handed over his message of appreciation for Mr JC Sikhosana's productive, profitable and beneficial message who served the Department for 43 years. The message reads as follows:

"The Mpumalanga Department of Education in the Gert Sibande District highly appreciates and values you, Mr. Cornelius Jabhi Sikhosana for your forty-three (43) years of selfless service in various capacities. The Department acknowledges your huge contributions in educating the nation from the following institutions as a teacher: 1980-1981 at Lothair Primary, 1983-1984 at Adams' Mission Combined, 1985 at Ligugu Secondary and 1990-1995 at Seme Secondary School.

You are appreciated for having branded the Department of Education with excellence, quality leadership and expertise in solving problems through Labour Relations Sub-Directorate in 1995 until your retirement as a Deputy Director in 2023. You will be forever in the long-term memories of the Department of Education officials for having spearheaded the vision, mission and values of the department professionally until retirement.

You are leaving an indelible mark and legacy of negotiations, harmonious relations between workforce and management, legal representation in the implementation of labor rules, labor law and regulations. You are applauded for having worked effectively with stakeholders.

Best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement. You have always led with compassion and grace. We have been privileged to have worked with you. You embodied mutual trust, accountability, transparency, innovation, consultation, honesty, excellence, dignity, accessibility, equity and redress.

Your role model father-figure will go a long way in motivating employees to add impetus to service delivery. We will miss your spectacular guidance and your support.

You are permanently appreciated!"

MR MAGAGULA APPRECIATED THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITIES:

On the 27th of January 2023, The District Director, Mr PP Magagula quoted Anne Frank who once said: “No one has ever become poor by giving.” This quote was in response to the great contributions made by different sponsors in the academic year 2022. Mr Magagula applauded sponsors for planting seeds of excellence to the 2022 Grade 12 learners.

In his speech he said: “We are thankful for having you sponsors as responsible, reliable and trustworthy education partners, and highly value the service delivery agreement. Please take note that your sponsorship is a life-changing experience and a great investment to our learners and the community at large. Your generosity will go a long way in motivating our learners to add impetus to their studies, and will have an everlasting impact in their lives and the communities they will serve after completion of their studies.”



Sasol, in line with its Social Impact Strategy in Education, has sponsored R200 000 where 20 learners are going to benefit and each learner is to receive R10 000.

The best learners' pockets will increase as follows:

- #Top 5 learners in Mathematics,
- #Top 5 Learners in Physical Sciences,
- #Top 5 learners in Technical Mathematics and
- #Top 5 learners in Technical Sciences.



AGO Legacy PTY LTD sponsored with R20 000 Game store vouchers for 20 Best Learners, with R1 000 each to buy tokens of their choices.



Ermelo VW sponsored with ten travel bags.



Sanlam Sky sponsored with ten electric kettles and ten irons.



Gert Sibande District Municipality sponsored with seven laptops, one for each Top Learner in each local municipality and three girl learners from CRDP Municipalities.

MR MAGAGULA APPRECIATED THE FOLLOWING SPONSORS FOR THEIR GENEROSITIES:



Macmillan sponsored with educator packs.



ABT World sponsored with ten laptops.



Habanna Trading PTY LTD sponsored with five Microwaves and ten Paninis.



Old Mutual sponsored with ten travel cases.



Msukaligwa Local Municipality sponsored with ten luggage bags to the Top Ten learners of their municipality.

CHANGING THE WORLD AND LIVING THE LEGACY THROUGH 100% PASS RATE

The 10 Schools in the Gert Sibande District are role models of quality and excellent teaching. On the 27th of January 2023, during 2022 Gert Sibande District Awards, the District Director, Mr PP Magagula and the Gert Sibande District Executive Mayor, Cllr W Mngomezulu, motivated all Secondary schools in Gert Sibande District to change the world and leave a legacy through their achievement of 100% pass rate.

Cllr Mngomezulu and Mr Magagula urged all secondary schools to have a great history of academic excellence; of innovation; of creativity; of world class teaching and sustain an inspiring future. They called on schools to open con-

nectedness, work as a team and achieve academic excellence for the future of all the people of the district. These schools should sustain outcomes, fulfil untapped potential and must be joined by many schools in changing lives, said Mr PP Magagula, the District Director.

The District Extended Management Team urges all secondary schools in the Gert Sibande District to incredibly increase passionate to excel. All SMTs at primary schools were motivated to lay solid foundation and produce excellent learners for secondary schools SMTs and their educators.



Name of School	Circuit No	Entered	Total Wrote	Total Pass	Pass
Hoërskool Piet Retief	Mkhondo West	135	135	135	100%
Hoërskool Ermelo	Msukaligwa 1	127	127	127	100%
Warburton Combined School	Breyten	82	82	82	100%
Magotshwa Secondary School	Dundonald	64	61	61	100%
Qondulwazi Secondary School	Lekwa east	35	34	34	100%
Chief C J Nkosi Secondary School	Dundonald	33	31	31	100%
Ermelo Combined School	Msukaligwa 1	25	25	25	100%
Morgenzon Landbou Akademie	Msukaligwa 2	23	23	23	100%
Umzimvelo Secondary School	Breyten	22	20	20	100%
George Hofmeyer High School	Lekwa East	7	4	4	100%

THE CIRCUIT THAT PRODUCED AN OVERALL BEST LEARNER IN MPUMALANGA, MASHISHILA, APPLAUDED ITS HUGE ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH AWARDS



taught the community of Mashishila Circuit, Gert Sibande District and Mpumalanga lessons on the importance of striving for excellence.

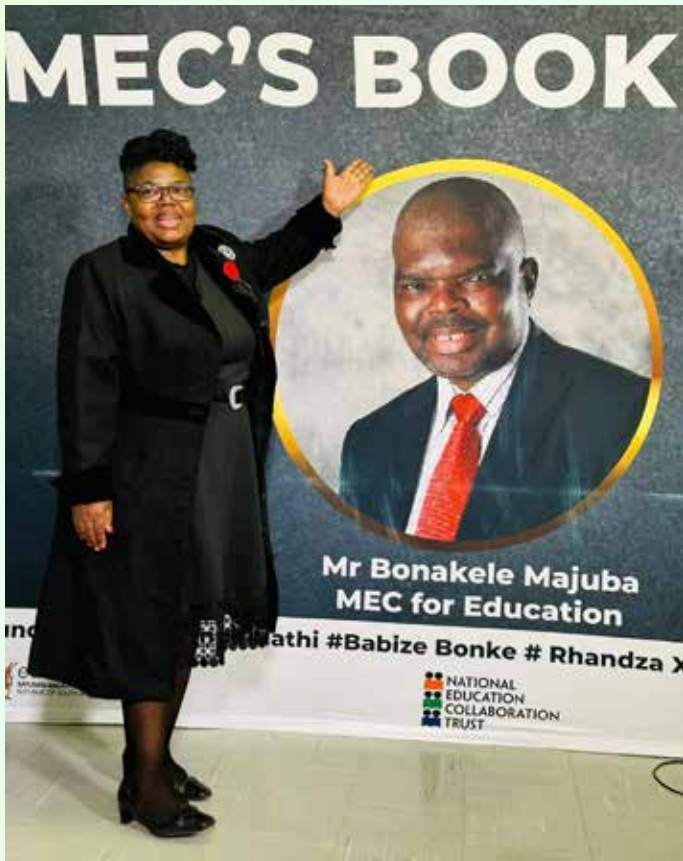
Mashishila Circuit's 2022 award event used Highveld Secondary as a case study and role model of excellence and quality worthy to be emulated by all secondary schools. The 146 Secondary schools and 19 circuits in the Gert Sibande District are expected to teach and motivate their learners to do their best, going beyond what is expected, and produce excellent work.

On the 15th of March 2023, Mashishila Circuit proudly celebrated its huge contribution to Mpumalanga and the Republic of South Africa. The circuit has a legacy and quality history of having produced an Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga and second best in South Africa in the Quintile one to three schools. The aforementioned learner is Bathobile Nkambule, from Highveld Secondary School.

The circuit also celebrated its immense contribution to Mpumalanga where it produced two learners in the provincial Top Ten Best Learners, Bathobile Penelope Nkambule and Bhekizizwe Thomo. The two provincial best learners, both from Highveld Secondary School,

Dr Ngobe, the Circuit Manager of Mashishila, motivated educators to excel and produce students with a reputation for doing excellent work. All primary and secondary schools were encouraged to work hard and to exceed the targets of the district, province and nation. Teachers were challenged to increase confidence and self-esteem in learners, as well as acknowledging, recognising and praising them for their excellent performance.

MEC MAJUBA BOOK CLUB LAUNCHED



The Mpumalanga Department of Education, in partnership with the National Education Coalition Trust, launched the MEC Majuba Book Club at Jandrell Secondary School in Sakhile Township, Standerton in the Lekwa Local Municipality.

The book club seeks to lighten up the need to read to communities around the province.

The club was born out of, amongst other reasons, the 2021 Progress in International Reading Literacy Study report, which stated the challenge of South African grade 4 learners failing to read with meaning.

The book launch follows the Presidential initiative of the President of the Country, Mr Cyril Ramaphosa, an ardent reader himself who established and launched the President's Reading Circle in 2019.

This presidential initiative then led to the launch of the Read to Lead Campaign by the Department of Basic Education, led by Minister Angie Motshekga in April 2022.

In view of the poor reading performance of learners particularly in Grade 4, the Mpumalanga De-

partment of Education has partnered with National Education Collaboration Trust (NECT) to coordinate the development and implementation of a comprehensive reading improvement strategy culminating to the MEC's Book Club launch.

The Reading Club's objectives are, amongst others, to assist in mobilising children and communities to establish reading clubs.

Through this book club parents, grandparents and grandchildren will be motivated to read, societies are also going to be mobilised to read for enjoyment while churches and other social gatherings will also be involved in reading and motivate parents to buy story books to read to children.

The Book Club will also solicit partnership in the development and reading agenda by encouraging writers to write books, business people to partner and provide resources for children to read and to provide book donations for children of all communities to access books to read.

Application forms for the club are available for everyone to fill in and join. Learners, parents and community members are invited to join.

Presently, the Reading Club has 200 members and is growing.

The launch book for the club is, "Quite Activists" by renowned author and political activist, Peter Present who graced the occasion and presented a summary of the book.

No One is being left Behind.

#Funda Nathi #Fundza Natsi #Read with Us
#Babize Bonke #Leave No One Behind
(Article from Mpumalanga Department of Education Facebook page)



PICTORIAL : MEC MAJUBA BOOK CLUB LAUNCHED



MAGOTSHWA SECONDARY SCHOOL IN DUNDONALD CIRCUIT, THE 2022 BEST PERFORMING QUINTILE ONE SCHOOL IN GERT SIBANDE



In the academic year 2022, Magotshwa Secondary School under Dundonald Circuit cultivated a culture of excellence and emerged as the 2022 Best Performing Quintile One School in the Gert Sibande District. The school principal, Ms Nedzamba and her team, used their vast knowledge and experience to put the school on the map of excellence.

In the academic year 2022, 64 learners wrote their final examinations and all of them passed. The school improved from 83% in 2021 with 17% and achieved 100%. It became the 2022 Best Performing Quintile One School in Gert Sibande and an Overall Best Performing School in Dundonald Circuit.

The school answered the questions of performance well with excellence wherein 2017 it

achieved 94,7%, 2018=78,3%, 2019=94,3%, 2020=86,4%, 2021=83% and 2022=100%. The school has produced a learner with 100% pass 300 out of 300 in Business Studies, Zwane Lese-di and Shabalala Felicity who obtained 99% in Mathematics and is currently pursuing Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering at Witwatersrand University.

The District Director, Mr PP Magagula, applauded Magotshwa Secondary School for making history in the academic year 2022 and is looking forward to the sustenance of excellences in 2023. "This completes us as the Gert Sibande Education Department family. I am urging all schools in the district to work together in order to achieve our shared vision, mission, values and objective", said Mr Magagula.





MSUKALIGWA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY CELEBRATED ITS 83,6% IN THE 2022 GRADE 12 RESULTS AND ITS POSITION THREE IN MPUMALANGA

On the 17th of February 2023, the Msukaligwa Local Municipality launched Mayoral awards to honour learners and teachers who performed extremely well in the academic year 2022. The local municipality appreciated and acknowledged its 2022 position one circuit, Breyten which achieved 92,7%, Msukaligwa 2 at position two with 84% and Msukaligwa 1 at position three with 79,5%.

The municipality performed well in 2019 with 83,9%, 2020=76,4%, 2021=71,1% and 2022=83,6%. Executive Mayor, Cllr Mapulane Precious Nkosi, introduced 2022 Msukaligwa Local Municipality's Inaugural Mayoral Awards to acknowledge best learners and educators from the academic year 2022. She challenged all leaders to sustain the platform to award educational excellence.

Cllr Mapulane Precious Nkosi branded her leadership with unique support for education. She is the leader who prioritises education through action. The event motivated all primary and secondary schools within Msukaligwa Local Municipality to work hard and branded the municipality with pride to be an Overall



Best Municipality in Mpumalanga in the academic year 2023. It is possible because the three circuits, Breyten, Msukaligwa 1 & 2 are performing excellently well.

The event created a journey towards excellence and motivated all school principals to make excellence an inherent part of their leadership. Msukaligwa Local Municipality's principals have been motivated to stand out head and shoulders above the rest in Mpumalanga. The executive mayor applauded schools that achieved 100% pass and those that have produced the highest number of Bachelor passes. She campaigned for more schools to produce 100% pass because no parent expects his/her child to go to school and fail.

The event again became the key to unlock the door of excellence in schools. She campaigned for more secondary schools to perform at 100% in 2023 and emulate the 2022 100% schools. In Breyten Circuit, Warburton and Umzimvelo made Breyten proud. Hoërskool Ermelo and Ermelo Combined School put Msukaligwa 1 Circuit on the map of excellence and Morgezon Landbou Academy made Msukaligwa 2 Circuit have an abundance of pride.

KWATHANDEKA CIRCUIT CELEBRATED 2022'S 5,9% IMPROVEMENT AND 80,1% ACHIEVEMENT



On the 27th of February 2023, Kwathandeka Circuit, formerly known as Amsterdam Circuit, celebrated its 2022 Grade 12 class for having improved in 2021 from 75,9% to 80,1% in 2022. This huge improvement milestone was celebrated in the 2022 circuit awards at Izimbali Combined Boarding School.

The Circuit has a legacy of being an Overall Best Circuit in Mpumalanga following its 2012 history where it made the district proud. The current circuit Manager, Mrs NG Sibiya, was the Principal of Nganana Secondary School. Now that Mrs Sibiya is in charge and reminiscing, she and her colleagues have the potential to take the well-oiled Kwathandeka Circuit to be number one in Gert Sibande in 2023. The circuit again has the potential to reclaim its 2012 Overall Best Circuit title in Mpumalanga.

On behalf of the Mkhondo Local Municipality Executive Mayor Cllr N Ndlovu, Mr Salakwande Mngomezulu, campaigned for a profitable and productive curriculum at GET and FET that will address scarce skills. He praised the municipality for prioritising education as a weapon to fight poverty, inequality, unemployment and underdevelopment.

On behalf of the District Director, Mr PP Magagula, Mr ST Makhubele, motivated for well-managed schools that will serve as centers of excellence.

"It is through effective, efficient, excellent teaching and well-managed schools and classrooms that provide platforms to produce overall best learners like Bathobile Nkambule, the 2022 Overall Best Learner in Mpumalanga. If Mashishila Circuit and Highveld Secondary School managed to deal with misdemeanor in students and produced an overall best learner in Mpumalanga, Kwathandeka and its Secondary schools can also make history possible in 2023. All secondary schools in Gert Sibande must have consistent culture of discipline in order to produce excellent results and proud students."

The event branded Kwathandeka Circuit as an institution where success resides and where knowledge is produced by contingent teachers. All teachers were challenged to be somebody's role models and add impetus in their quality teaching and management of learning. "The newly appointed principal of Izimbali Combined Boarding School, Mr Nhlabathi, in his interview, promised panel members a 100% pass rate. I remind him to work with speed and fulfil the promise. All secondary schools that have been performing at 100%, I demand it in 2023", said the District Director, Mr PP Magagula.

PICTORIAL : KWATHANDEKA CIRCUIT CELEBRATED 2022'S 5,9% IMPROVEMENT AND 80,1% ACHIEVEMENT



DIPALESENG CIRCUIT LEADERS MENTORED AND COACHED TO MAKE DIPALESENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY NUMBER ONE IN MPUMALANGA IN 2023

The academic year 2023 is the year to mentor and coach Dipaleseng circuit leaders to make Dipaleseng Local Municipality number one in Mpumalanga in 2023. The circuit leadership under Mr Moloi, have the potential to empower schools SMTs, teachers and learners to brand Gert Sibande with a number one municipality in Mpumalanga.

Dipaleseng Local Municipality was once number one in Mpumalanga and in 2022, it obtained position two with 83,9%. It has improved with 7,3% in 2022. It improved from 76,6% in 2021 to 83,9% in 2022. The circuit education stakeholders must increase morale, engagement, productivity, and loyalty by mentoring and coaching their teams to reach the expected target of being number one municipality in 2023.

In 2023, Dipaleseng School leaders must have agility to create vision and support the district's need to collect Best Municipality in the province when 2023 Grade 12 results are announced in January 2024. Dipaleseng Circuit was in position eight in 2021 and in 2022, it moved to position six in Gert Sibande District. The upward improvement trend will make its local municipality the best in Mpumalanga.

Coaching and mentoring in the Dipaleseng Circuit will help teams in schools to reach their full potential, while also helping their schools to achieve excellence. Leadership is a critical component of any successful school, and it is essential for leaders to hone their training and mentoring skills to boost school SMTs to engage and build a strong talent pool.

Dipaleseng Circuit held its 2022 Grade 12 Awards on the 8th of February 2023. It was during the event where the platform was provided for excellent coaching and mentoring of SMTs and educators to excel in their endeavours. School leadership must be strong and efficient in order to produce the overall best municipality in Mpumalanga. The Circuit and a school are as good as their leaders. A well-oiled institution motivates its teams at school level to bring pride in the district.



**THE PRINCIPAL OF VUKA PRIMARY IS NO LONGER MR SHONGWE BUT
"DR SHONGWE"**



On the 18th of May 2023, Mashishila Circuit family welcomed a new PhD graduate in addition to its circuit manager, Dr Ngobe. The principal of Vuka Primary School is a new graduate with a PhD.

He joins his esteemed colleagues with PhDs on their journey of problem-solving, critical reasoning, thinking in-depth and from different angles and perspectives. Dr Elvis Mahlasela Shongwe's PhD will enhance a deeper understanding of his school, his circuit and his community. It will sharpen his skills to improve the performances.

Dr Elvis Mahlasela Shongwe's philosophy is now broadened through his PhD. In addition, his knowledge and skill in the cultivation of excellence and quality have improved. His PhD has equipped him with solutions in the conduct of learning and research independently. Get to know Dr Shongwe:

His Educational Qualifications

- Dr Shongwe completed his matric (Grade 12) at Bantfwabetfu Secondary school in 1990.
- In 1995 he obtained his Primary Education Diploma (UPED) at University of Zululand.

- In 1996, BPaed degree at University of Zululand
- In 2008, BA Hons in Geography at UNISA
- In 2008, BEd Hons in Education Management Law and Systems
- In 2009, Assessor Certificate from Assessment and Entrepreneur Centre
- In 2009, Moderator Certificate with Tembe Service Providers
- In 2010, Certificate in School Leadership and Management at the University of the Free State
- In 2010, Basic ICT Certificate obtained from Mustek sponsored by MTN
- In 2013, Certificate of Competence for the Development of Ward Committees from the Josmap Training Institute
- In 2018, Master of Public Management at Regenesys.
- 2023, Doctorate (PhD) at Regenesys.

His Work History

- Dr Elvis Mahlasela Shongwe was appointed as an educator at Highveld Secondary school in 1996 where he taught Geography, Afrikaans, and Travel and Tourism.
- In 1996 again, he was appointed as a teacher at Dlomodlomo where he taught Agricultural Science and Human Social Science.
- In 2004, he was appointed as an acting HOD in the Department of Human Social Sciences at Highveld Secondary School. He was appointed as a Geography subject marker until 2004. He was a cluster leader for both Geography and Tourism at Highveld Secondary. When curriculum 2005 was introduced he was appointed to facilitate in the training of educators for Geography and HSS.
- In 2005, he was appointed as the HOD for Intersen at D&C Comprehensive Primary School.
- In 2012 to date, he was appointed the Principal of Vuka Primary School under Mashishila Circuit.

His personal philosophy

"I value intelligence and I define it 'as the ability to work hard and enforce teamwork that is effective and efficient at all times'. I urge schools to produce learners with qualities of excellence. We must make intelligence define all learners we taught because they will add value to themselves and to others, go the extra mile in all endeavors, think of consequences before taking any action and they will not tolerate or encourage mediocrity or hypocrisy in their lives."

03 Gert Sibande District Schools to represent Mpumalanga Province in the Kay Motsepe soccer tournament in Magaliesburg are Mzinoni Secondary School under Govan Mbeki Circuit in Bethal, Tisiteni Primary School under Mpuluzi Circuit and Siphokuhle Secondary School under Mkhondo West Circuit. Congratulations to Gert Sibande District, its schools and the entire leadership!



Tisiteni Primary School under Mpuluzi Circuit obtained position 2 at Magaliesburg on 07 October 2023, and they won R400 000

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Mzinoni Secondary School under Govan Mbeki Circuit in Bethal



Siphokuhle Secondary School under Mkhondo West Circuit won Kay Motsepe Soccer tournament



2023 GERT SIBANDE SCHOOLS MOTIVATED TO FLY THE FLAG OF GERT SIBANDE HIGH THROUGH ABC MOTSEPE CHORAL MUSIC COMPETITION

The District Director, Mr PP Magagula, is calling all primary and secondary schools as they start with their 2023 journey of ABC Motsepe Choral Music on the 19th until the 21st of May 2023, to fly the flag of the district high and restore pride. Mr Magagula pleads with schools to have passion, make all the people feel good and bring glorious and proud moments to the district in 2023.

“The district is ready to brag because of your marvelous competing performance in Mpumalanga and nationally. Winning at nationals brings dignity, diversity and courage. Go and win in the province and nationally. Note that you will be carried by district support through our love, respect and prayers.

Set singing standards high, and raised the bar for everyone. The whole district will be behind you and cheers for your outstanding performance and excellence. Each mountain is unique, and you climbed yours with staunch singing ethics. Persevere and do it cleverly even when the peak looks difficult to reach. Sing diligently from the beginning at district level to the end at nationals.

Congratulations in advance Gert Sibande District Schools! You have the potential to do it! Best wishes for your next adventure and the accolades sure to follow!”, said Mr PP Magagula, the District Director of Gert Sibande.



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MOTSEPE CHORAL MUSIC COMPETITION**



15 SEPTEMBER 2023 MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION INGOMA FESTIVAL AT MKHUHLU



THE DEPARTMENT HOSTS THE INGOMA FESTIVAL

As the country celebrates Heritage Month, the Department has convened the Ingoma Festival to showcase the cultural diversity and talent of learners within the province.

The Ingoma Festival is taking place at the Hilltop Assembly Church in Mkhuhlu, Bushbuckridge Local Municipality, from today, 15 to 16 September 2023.

It is part of the Curriculum Enrichment Program, which offers special, primary, and secondary schools the opportunity to present items in song, dance, and colorful cultural regalia.

The Ingoma Festival also helps to foster and promote social cohesion and celebrate cultural diversity in the Place of the Rising Sun. It

affords learners with an opportunity to revive and develop a sense of belonging, pride, and ownership of the indigenous culture, languages, and indigenous knowledge systems.

“As learners participate in this festival, they are assisted to gain insight into the rich African culture and heritage that has been developed and embraced by one generation to the next. These activities and programs instill a sense of identity and appreciation of who we are as Africans. It makes our learners feel good to be Africans.

Everyone is invited to attend the festival. Entrance is free.

No one is being left behind.

#BabizeBonke

#RhandzaXiKoloXaWenaCampaign

(Article from Mpumalanga Department of Education Facebook Page)

**PICTORIAL: 15 SEPTEMBER 2023 MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION INGOMA FESTIVAL AT MKHUHLU**



MKOLISHI SECONDARY SCHOOL PUT MPUMALANGA PROVINCE ON THE MAP OF EXCELLENCE



On 06 October 2023, Mkolishi Secondary School under Emanzana Circuit made Mpumalanga, Gert Sibande District and the Circuit community members proud by being declared Top Performing Ordinary School - quintile 2 & 3rd place at the National Education Excellence Awards for Best Performing Districts and Schools.

Congratulations to Mkolishi Secondary School SGB, SMT, Staff, Learners and the entire school stakeholders for flying the flag of Mpumalanga Department of Education high!



NEWLY APPOINTED GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES



Mr Themba Kuhlase
CES-GET Curriculum



Mr Teboho Tsotetsi
Deputy Director-
Infrastructure and
Information System



Ms Monga Motau
Deputy Director
Human Resource



Ms LS Malaza
Govan Mbeki
Circuit Manager



Mr MJ Shongwe
Circuit Manager - Dundonald



Mr Naphtal Magagula
DCES-MPULUZI DTDC
Manager



Ms Thandeka
Vilane: Assistant Director
Financial Accounting



Ms Nolwazi Mabasa
Director's Office Secretary



Mr Sifiso Shiba : Chief
Accounting Clerk/General
Expenditure-Financial
Accounting



Ms Kholo Mahlangu
SSPO HIV/AIDS in the
Workplace EHWP



Mr Mandla Bembe
Assistant Director
HR Benefits



Mr MP Mshololo
Assistant Director -
Employee Health and
Programs

NEWLY APPOINTED GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES



Ms Olina Mdluli
Assistant Director -
Management Accounting



Ms Lindi Nkosi
Assistant Director-
Supply Chain Management
(Financial Services)



Ms Senamile Mpanza
Works Inspector-
Infrastructure



Ms Gloria Bembe
Chief HR Officer
Human Resources
Management)



Mr Kevin Fakude
Chief Clerk
Mkhondo East Circuit



Mr Sipho Mahlaba
Principal HR Officer



Mr James Banda
Principal
HR Officer



Ms Khanyi Nkwanyana
Wakkerstroom Circuit
Admin Clerk



Ms Khanyisile Nkosi
HIV/AIDS-EHWP



Mr Lawrence Ncongwane
KwaThandeka Circuit
Chief Clerk



Ms Busi Nyakane
Senior HRD officer
(Human Resources Management)



Mr Ndlovu TT
Lekwa East Circuit Manager

NEWLY APPOINTED GERT SIBANDE DISTRICT EMPLOYEES



Ms Nombuso Malang
Breyten Circuit Admin Clerk



Ms Nomsa Msimang
Chief Clerk
Lekwa East Circuit



Mr AB Mahlangu
Chief Clerk - Govan Mbeki
Circuit



Ms Gugulethu Nsibande
Chief Admin Clerk
Registry



Ms Nontokozo Thabede
Mkhondo West
Administrative Clerk



Mr Emmanuel Thomo
Msukaligwa 2 Admin Clerk
Manager



Mr Mbuyiseni Hadebe
Principal Personnel
Officer



Ms Nontobeko Sibeko
Govan Mbeki
Circuit Admin Clerk



Ms Priscilla Ndala
Occupational Health and
Safety -EHWP



Ms Shirley Mango:SPO
Occupational Health and
Safety-EHWP



Mr Sakhile Mbowane
Mkhondo West
Administrative Clerk



Ms Zanele Nkala
Assistant Director-
Transformation



Petrus Maziya Primary School at Highveld Ridge West Circuit Celebrated its Heritage Day



Ligwalagwala FM donated 30 Pair of shoes to Mlondozi Primary School learners under Mashishila Circuit on 22 September 2023



Gift of the Givers donated food parcels and learner support materials to the Engabezweni Secondary School learners under Emanzana Circuit on 05 May 2023

Editor's Quote

The Little Prince by Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

It's madness to hate all roses
because you got scratched with one thorn.
To give up on your dreams
because one didn't come true.
To lose faith in prayers because
one was not answered.

To condemn all your friends
because one betrayed you,
not to believe in love
because someone was unfaithful
or didn't love you back.
To throw away all your chances to be
happy because you didn't succeed
on the first attempt.

There will always be another opportunity,
another friend,
another love,
a new strength.
For every end,
there is always a new beginning.....

And now here is my secret,
a very simple secret:
It is only with the heart
that one can see rightly;
what is essential is invisible to the eye.



Please send your comment, input, advice and request for
positive/inspirational
stories and event coverage to:
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