

# Special Bulletin

## 2018 State of the Province Address



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MPUMALANGA PROVINCE  
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA





# There can be no development without quality socio-economic infrastructure!

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“We are pleased that we have invested significantly in the delivery of socio-economic infrastructure as a key enabler of access to opportunities and a better quality of life for all the citizens of our Province, irrespective of their socio-economic status.”

“Over the past four years, we have built a number of schools, hospitals, offices, libraries and road infrastructure”

“The expenditure over this period indicates major bias towards Education and Health Infrastructure.

This is consistent with the manifesto priorities of the African National Congress.”



MPUMALANGA PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT

Living the Legacy, Hon DD Mabuza

## Positive Impact of the Boarding Schools

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“There can be no doubt that there is a link between education infrastructure and the quality of education. This is evinced by improvements in the quality of learning and teaching in Mpumalanga.

Today, the children of the downtrodden poor farm workers and farm dwellers of Donkerhoek and Amsterdam in Mkhondo, Emakhazeni and Steve Tshwete, can get their education in the comfort of boarding schools that this Administration built for them; be at peace that their future is bright and that they now have a better shot in life than before.

To deal with the perennial problem of inequality within our society, we must level the playing field in terms of access to quality education, irrespective of race or socio-economic status.

This Administration will continue to do this because to us, education is the central tool for development.”





## All Hands on Deck

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“Whereas we acknowledge the strides we have made, much more still needs to be done.

We must lift the children of labourers from the bondage of marginalisation and the cycle of poverty, to secure a better future and place under the sun.”



“That is why the message of this Administration to the farm communities in Thaba Chweu, is that your turn is coming and the same quality facilities are coming your way.

This year, we will invest over R350 million in the construction of the Thaba Chweu boarding school, and ensure that this state-of-the-art facility opens its doors of learning in the 2019 academic year.”



# Tribute to Nelson Mandela

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“Who can forget that President Mandela believed in the power of education as an effective means to improve the livelihood of the people?”

Inspired by his words that “education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”, this Administration prioritised investment in education infrastructure.”



## QUOTABLE QUOTES

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**“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”**

**- Nelson Mandela**



**“Government will continue to invest in expanding access to quality basic education and improving the outcomes of our public schools.”**

**- Cyril Ramaphosa**



**"No child must be denied quality education because he or she is poor and living on the farm."**

**- DD Mabuza**

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# OR Tambo Mathematics, Science & Technology Academy

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“The vision of the OR Tambo Maths, Science and Technology Academy would not have been realized if it were not for South 32’s commitment to partnering with government to ensure that we improve the quality of teaching, learning and performance outcomes in maths, science and technology.

We would like to thank all our private sector partners who have contributed through the provision of bursaries and skills development programmes as we build a better future for Mpumalanga, the Place of the Rising Sun.

Together, we must continuously invest in human capital development that will produce relevant skills for the economy.

Already there is a remarkable improvement in the performance of those who pass Matric with Maths and Science as their subjects of choice.

The operationalisation of OR Tambo Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy will further assist in improving learner performance

and teacher competence in these gateway subjects.

As we transform our education system and enhancing our skills, we have prioritized targeted international partnerships to open up opportunities for our children study abroad in specialised academic disciplines.

This government has offered bursaries to qualifying students to pursue studies in the fields of medicine, engineering, mineral beneficiation and agriculture in countries such as Russia, Belarus, Italy and China.”



Life and legacy of  
**OR TAMBO. 100 YEARS**



## Basic Necessities Improved

“Madame Speaker, we have made strides in the provision of water and sanitation infrastructure in our schools. Our programme focusing on the eradication of basic services and sanitation backlog in 308 schools has gone a long way towards improving the learning and teaching in our schools.

These schools were provided with modern and decent ablution units. In some instances with electrification and water connections. In doing so, we restored the dignity of our young people whilst creating a conducive learning environment for them.”

“We are therefore encouraged that Grade 12 learner performance has improved from 47.9% in 2009 to 74.6% in 2017. We are confident that when these interventions are sustained, the Province will hit the 80% target very soon.”

“We should continue to work together with all stakeholders in the education sector to improve the provincial performance. This Administration will continuously identify and isolate all root causes of unsatisfactorily learner performance at all levels.

On behalf of this Administration, allow me to express our appreciation for the support that the private sector has extended in this area.”



# All Said and Done and This

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When it was announced that MEC Mhaule will be leaving the Department following her appointment as the Deputy Minister of Public Relations and Cooperation one could not help it but to find comfort in the sweet melody of Elton John.

Goodbye the rose  
May you ever grow in our hearts  
You were the grace that placed itself  
Where lives were torn apart  
You called out to our country  
And you whispered to those in pain  
Now you belong to heaven  
And the stars spell out your name

And it seems to me you lived your life  
Like a candle in the wind  
Never fading with the sunset  
When the rain set in  
And your footsteps will always fall here  
Along England's greenest hills  
Your candle's burned out long before  
Your legend ever will

Loveliness we've lost  
These empty days without your smile  
This torch we'll always carry  
For our nation's golden child  
And even though we try  
The truth brings us to tears  
All our words cannot express  
The joy you brought us through the years

And it seems to me you lived your life  
Like a candle in the wind  
Never fading with the sunset  
When the rain set in  
And your footsteps will always fall here  
Along England's greenest hills  
Your candle's burned out long before  
Your legend ever will

Goodbye England's rose  
May you ever grow in our hearts  
You were the grace that placed itself  
Where lives were torn apart  
Goodbye England's rose  
From a country lost without your soul  
Who'll miss the wings of your compassion  
More than you'll ever know

And it seems to me you lived your life  
Like a candle in the wind  
Never fading with the sunset  
When the rain set in  
And your footsteps will always fall here  
Along England's greenest hills  
Your candle's burned out long before  
Your legend ever will

Indeed she will be missed for her kindness, resourcefulness, passion and the legacy she lives in the Department.

We wish her all the best in her new portfolio.  
Hamba Kahle Ntokazi Yakwethu



# Tributes to MEC Reginah Mhaule

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**Mr. Abram Khoza**  
**HR Performance**

We are very heart broken on the MEC's departure. She has run an accessible and transparent, we always appreciated how she managed to always give reports to staff members, and allowed us to be ourselves around her as she was always friendly



**Mr. Nkanyezi Khoza**  
**HR Benefits and Performance**

We shall miss her, especially her constant ability to interact with staff. She has always been visible to the staff members of the Department.



**Michael Kruger**  
**Finance – Bookkeeping**

We got used to our Honourable MEC, as a front runner, she always led by example, she therefore lives big shoes for the incoming MEC to fill. Honorable MEC, your achievements and success is evident to all of us; we will miss you, thank you for guidance and wisdom.



**Pinky Moosa**  
**HOD's office**

"No mountain is too high" as the song at Robert Kelly says, you have reached the top of the top of the mountain and you are still climbing it!! Wishing you more strength on this journey and God's protection be with you. Love you always.



**Velaphi Mbokane**  
**Nehawu Secretary – Head Office Branch**

A farewell is just not just about saying goodbye to your leader; rather it is about encouraging and giving your best wishes. It was worth working with you during difficult and good times. The branch observed you rising above difficult times and yet produced good results. On behalf of the Branch Executive Committee of Nehawu Head Office Branch and its entire membership wish you well in your new responsibility.



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