

## BEST PERFORMING SCHOOL RECEIVES RECREATIONAL HALL

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Rewarding academic excellence ... The MEC for education, Tate Makgoe, partnered with Kagiso Trust to build a hall for best performing township school

### **The Department of Education together with Kagiso Trust spent R6.5-million building the hall for the Botshabelo based school**

The MEC for education, Tate Makgoe, has finally made good on his 2010 promise to build a hall for the Lenyora-La-Thuto High School in Botshabelo.

The school has had an exceptional matric results for the past few years. The department of education in partnership with Kagiso Trust officially handed over a hall to the school as a token of appreciation from the authorities for the good performance of the grade 12 class of 2011. The school's matriculants achieved an 87 percent pass rate.

The construction of the school hall started in 2012 and the department of education together with Kagiso Trust spent R6.5-million on the project. The hall is designed to accommodate 1200 persons and it also includes built-in toilets and a kitchen.

The school's principal, Dumisani Mthembu, said his school is one of the best in the province when it comes to maths and science.

Mthembu told The Weekly that the MEC challenged pledged in 2011 that if the school matriculants improve their results, he would a built a hall for the school. He said the through collaborative hard work between learners and the teachers, the achieved 30 distinctions in 2011.

He was gratified that MEC Makgoe had kept his side bargain and constructed a hall for the school. He added that it was not easy to conduct certain school activities without a hall, especially convening assemblies during rainy days.

"We could not conduct parents meetings properly in open space. It was even more taxing during examinations as invigilators had to constantly shuttle between classrooms on different floors to monitor the exercise."

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This is only the third school hall to ever be built at a Botshabelo school and Mthembu revealed that they would also hire it out to generate income for the school.

For his part, Makgoe promised more rewards if the school continued to maintain its high academic standards.

“Lenyora-La-Thuto is one of the schools that have demonstrated commitment to progress that is why the department has decided to reward them.”

The CEO of Kagiso Trust, Kgotso Schoeman, said the trust has worked tirelessly for the past 27 years to eradicate poverty, particularly in rural areas.

“We believe that sectors of society should be working together to create a better future for our children and that together, we should be take ownership of the crisis in our education.

“In fact, Kagiso Trust’s Bold Step campaign calls on corporates, NGOs, government departments and leaders, as well as local and foreign funders to get involved,” said Schoeman.

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