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MAKGOE PRAISES THABO MOFUTSANYANA FOR GOOD MATRIC RESULTS

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Congratulating the district ... Free State education MEC, Tate Makgoe, applauded the parties involved in the improvement of matric results in Thabo Mofutsanyana

Free State education MEC, Tate Makgoe, thanked Kagiso Trust for partnering with the department and improving matric results while visiting Thabo Mofutsanyana District Municipality to congratulate the district for improving the grade 12 pass rate impressive from 74.2 percent in 2011 to 81.3 percent in 2012. This is a 7.1 percent improvement.

There were 6 779 learners in Thabo Mofutsanyana who wrote the National Senior (NSC) examinations last year and 5 509 of them passed; 1 912 of them obtained bachelor's pass and 2 388 got diploma passes.

The total number of schools that obtained a 100 percent pass rate in the district for 2012 was 13 up from seven in 2011. Schools who obtained the highest pass rate were New Horizon College, Witteberg Secondary School, Voortrekker Secondary School, Sekgutlong Secondary School, Retief Combined School, Beacon Secondary School, Paul Erasmus Secondary School, Mohaladitwe Secondary School, Kgethatsebo-Kethulwazi Intermediate School, Edu-U-College QQ Secondary School, and Thiboloha School for Deaf and Blind, Rietz Combined School, Vrede Combined School and six of the schools are from the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

The highest performing municipality in the district was the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality where Kagiso Trust is assisted the department in 2012 by achieving 84.1 percent, up from 73.4 percent in 2011.

Phumelela achieved 83.2 percent in 2012, up from 74.9 percent in 2011. Dihlabeng achieved 81.3 percent in 2012, an improvement from 80.3 percent in 2011. Nketoana achieved 73.5 percent in 2012 up from 65.2 percent in 2011 and Setsoto achieved 73.5 percent in 2012 down from 74.8 percent in 2011.

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Makgoe said he was proud that 59 out of 89 schools in the district that participated in the NSC examinations from the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality performed above 75 percent.

Makgoe said in the province, 41 of the top 117 provincial learners are from Thabo Mofutsanyana district and 22 of those learners are from the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

Makgoe rated gold to 13 schools from the district who got 100 percent pass and six of them were from the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality he rated silver to 18 schools for obtaining 90-99.9 percent and 12 from of those schools were from the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality and 26 schools who got a 80-89.9 percent pass were rated bronze 16 were from Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

“In Thabo Mofutsanyana District, the mathematics pass rate improved from 53.61 percent in 2011 to an impressive 66.03 percent in 2012 and the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality, improved maths pass rate from 53.33 percent in 2011 to 67.47 percent in 2012 due to Kagiso Trust intervention” said Makgoe.

He said, the physical science pass rate in the district improved from 56.51 percent in 2011 to 69.32 percent in 2012 and the Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality has improved from 59.29 percent in 2011 to 74.97 percent in 2012.

Accounting pass rate in the district improved from 59.6 percent in 2011 to 73.3 percent in 2012 and Maluti-a-Phofung achieved 80.15 percent in accounting in 2012, up from 63.83 percent in 2011.

Lehlohonolo Sithole, from Mampoi Secondary School, as well as Kananelo Molio, from Sasamala Secondary School, obtained 97.3 percent in physical science. They are the best student in Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality.

The MEC said it has come to his attention that Sithole was raised by his grandmother and has enrolled for chemical engineering at the University of Cape Town. He said as a token of appreciation for making Free State proud he will be given a R25 000, by E'tsho Engineering, Project and Construction Management.

Molio, who is also the first top achiever in the top six subjects and Nthabiseng Rankoetseng, will each receive R25 000 from the same engineering company and a trip to Australia, where he will spend 10 days with a prestigious engineering firm.

Lucky Radebe from Tshibollo Secondary in QwaQwa, who obtained 95.7 percent in Mathematics, which is the highest mark in the subject in the municipality, has enrolled for a B.Com degree at Wits University.

“We are calling up on stakeholders in education to work even harder to ensure we curb the decline and ensure these improvements are sustainable and we make qualitative improvement in all areas of learning especially in the so-called killer subjects” said Makgoe.

Makgoe wished learners and teachers of Maluti-a-Phofung Local Municipality, district officials and strategic stakeholders a prosperous academic year and appeal to them to work with us in improving 2013 learner performance.