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## **MAKGOE VISITS STRUGGLING SCHOOLS**

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Education MEC Tate Makgoe visited several schools on the first day of the 2013 academic year to assess the state of readiness in the province.

Makgoe had the Sediti High School in Thaba Nchu on his programme for Wednesday morning but decided to visit other schools in the area as well.

Sediti is one of the worst performing schools in the province. The school's Grade 12 pass rate was 37.17 % in 2012. This year, the school has enrolled 62 matric pupils.

Makgoe said he aimed to motivate the school to exceed the department's target of 85% this year.

Departmental spokesperson Howard Ndaba said about 76 schools rated as underperforming were on the itinerary.

"The visits form part of the back to school campaign where the department ensures that learning and teaching starts on the first day to produce quality results at the end of the year."

Ndaba said the underperforming schools would be visited and monitored throughout the year to make sure they were on track to reach the provincial pass rate target of 85 %.

Meanwhile, MEC for economic development Mamiki Qabathe visited Mamello High School at Virginia to congratulate the class of 2012 who obtained a 94.48% pass rate. She officially handed over the refurbished computer lab to the school.

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