

## **MEC Mohale calls on Grade 12 learners not to participate in ‘the pens- Down Parties’ as the writing of the 2023 NSC exams concludes**

The Free State Department of Education is pleased with the smooth running of the 2023 National Senior Certificate (NSC) Examinations, which started on Monday, 30 October 2023, and concluded on Wednesday, 06 December 2023.

The conduct, administration, and management of the NSC examination have gone extremely well. Marking commenced today, 7 December, and will end on 20 December.

The results will be released by the Minister of Basic Education (DBE), Mrs. Angie Motshekga, on 18 January 2023.

The provincial results will be released by the Free State Education MEC, Mr. Makalo Mohale, on 19 January 2023 at the Annual Well-Done Function, which will be held at the Central University of Technology in Bloemfontein.

The Department wishes to thank all officials and stakeholders for the successful manner in which the conduct, administration, and management of the 2023 NSC examinations in the province was done

MEC Mohale and HOD, Adv Tsoarelo Malakoane, are generally pleased with the Grade 12 Class of 2023, for conducting themselves with integrity from the first day until the end of the examinations.

“As we congratulate all our learners for reaching this milestone, we want to urge them to continue to conduct themselves appropriately beyond this point.

We strongly discourage learners from partaking in pens-down celebrations and matric rage parties as they pose danger to their lives.

Furthermore, learners are discouraged from ripping off their school uniforms as a sign of celebration upon finishing their schooling era.

“We advise all learners to rather donate their uniforms to needy learners,” said MEC Mohale.

The MEC also urged learners to conduct themselves responsibly during festive season, remain focused, and be ready for tertiary education and other endeavors in 2024.

He called on learners to celebrate the end of this Era of Basic Education positively with family and friends.

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