

YOU HAVE YOUR WORK CUT OUT

– MESSAGE TO CLASS OF 2020

The African National Congress (ANC) Gauteng Province has urged the class of 2020 to hit the ground running as the school calendar year officially got underway on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.

While thousands of learners will be starting schooling for the first time in their lives, thousands others who started their schooling over a decade ago will at the end of this year be sitting for their matric exams.

The Class of 2019 have run their race well keeping Gauteng amongst the top performing provinces in the country at number two (87.23%). *"The fact that this province has one of largest matric examination enrolments (97 717 for 2019) of all provinces and it produces some of the highest overall pass rates and bachelor rates (44.46% exceeding 2019 target of 40%), while contributing 23.4% (43 494) of all bachelors achieved nationally, talks to the commitment by the ANC-led government to transform and modernize the basic education landscape in Gauteng."*

The Class of 2020 is expected to emulate their predecessors and even surpass them.

"As we start the 2020 schooling year, the fact that the learners have made it to this point means that they have what it takes to produce good results. However, this requires both the learners and the educators to be determined to do well from the onset and this means that they must waste no time in engaging themselves with the content of their subjects," explains Bones Modise, ANC Gauteng Spokesperson, further emphasizing the role that families, the local community and non-governmental institutions in the education sector also play in providing support to the learners.

Modise says the ANC-led government in Gauteng has over the years invested in no-fee paying schools which has meant that more learners get to complete their schooling. The introduction of the schools of specialisation has also been a major game changer in bridging the gap

between demand and supply of skilled labour.

The ANC welcomes the fact that for the first time this year (2020), primary schools' performance for the period 2019 will be announced. This is an important milestone as it will help to improve the overall performance of our secondary schooling.

Meanwhile, the ANC in Gauteng has expressed concern at the rising incidents of schools that are being set alight after the administration block of Khutlo-Tharo Secondary School in Sebokeng caught fire in the early hours of Wednesday (15 January) morning. This is the second incident this year after Tokelo Secondary School in Evaton suffered damages estimated at R4 million as a result of an act of arson.

The ANC reiterates its call for the law enforcement agencies to spare no effort in resolving these cases and ensure that those responsible for the heinous acts get to face the full might of the law.



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**The Year of Unity,
Socio-Economic Renewal
and Nation Building**



2019 TOP PERFORMERS

REWARDED WITH BURSARIES



Premier David Makhura and MEC for Education, Cde Panyaza Lesufi honour the crème de la crème of Gauteng as they hand over bursaries to 2517 the top performing matriculants of the class of 2019 from schools around Gauteng.

The bursaries form part of the Gauteng City Region Academy bursary scheme.

The Gauteng Province Government is building the capacity of the Gauteng City Region (GCR) communities, enhancing employment opportunities for the youth of Gauteng, and creating the skilled work force that will enable the Province to meet its future economic and social development needs.

Gauteng Province bursary programme now includes funding

for post-graduate programmes. To date the provincial government is funding about 30 post graduate students in honours, masters and PhD.

Bursary programme is one of many ways in which the provincial government seeks to ensure that everyone has equal access to educational opportunities irrespective of their financial background.

MAYOR MASINA PLEDGES 100 MILLION TO TOP PERFORMING 2019 MATRICULANTS

ANC Ekurhuleni Regional Chairperson and Executive Mayor of Ekurhuleni, Comrade Mzwandile Masina has set the standard of giving back to a whole new level, as R100 million has been pledged for the best-performing matriculants of 2019 at the Ekurhuleni Academic

Excellence Awards.

Ekurhuleni Academic Excellence Awards ceremony is aimed at investing in the city's education and especially the schools in townships which have children who need these bursaries the most, therefore through this initiative they have

benefitted.

“Always remember that you're not going to higher education institutes for ourselves, but for your families and communities,” Mayor Masina said, urging the bursary recipients to give back once they have graduated.



PREMIER MAKHURA TOGETHER WITH MEC'S LESUFI AND MOTARA OFFICIALLY REOPENED NOORDGESIG PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Gauteng MEC for Department of Infrastructure Development and Property Management, Cde Tasneem Motara and Premier David Makhura successfully handed over the Noordgesig Primary School to Gauteng MEC for Education and Youth Development, Cde Panyaza Lesufi on Wednesday, 15 January to mark the opening of school for 2020.

"Despite some of these issues having being complex, we are proud to come back today to give you one of the state-of-the-art facilities in which you asked for. Gone are the days where pupils need to travel to the suburbs in order to get quality education", said Premier David Makhura.

Expressing her gratitude to all parties that contributed to successful completion of the school, MEC Tasneem Motara commended the community members for behaving well during the construction of the project with no interferences.

"This is first project for the new year delivered on time and within budget. I applaud all contributors, and most importantly local SMMEs, sub-contractors and the project manager, Richard Tshabalala who ensured the project ran smooth and to highest degree," said MEC Motara.

Noordgesig Primary School is an infrastructural masterpiece with green design principles, a true embodiment of excellent service delivery. The school accommodates

1800 learners (Grade R to Grade 7) and it is a mega school. It boasts a hall, two multi centers, science lab, computer room, nutrition center, library, store room and guard house. Following the handover of keys and Certificate of Completion, MEC Lesufi highlighted that: "If we don't have education, we can't have skills, if we can't get economy right, we won't have service delivery."

Through beneficiation, 149 EPWP participants were trained on the project. Thirty (30) of these EPWP participants contributed to the on-site training programme. This beautiful new school took a total of 72 weeks to build and 42 local sub-contractors were employed in this project.



GAUTENG PROVINCE ANC-LED GOVERNMENT

BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



MEC

NOMANTU NKOMO-RALEHOKO

"Your tomorrow is bright. You may not see it today, but I see lawyers, doctors, engineers amongst you." "Your background does not determine your future. We understand that some of you come from very difficult situations, as government we are here to make schooling as easy as possible you",



MEC

MORAKANE MOSUPYE

Gauteng MEC for Economic Development, Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development, Morakane Mosupye, has urged learners and teachers at the Ithuteng Secondary School, Randfontein to study hard to ensure improved results in the 2020 academic year. "You need to start working hard immediately and sacrifice a lot of things to obtain better results at the end of the year",



MEC

JACOB MAMABOLO

"I urge you learners to respect educators, so that you can become pioneers in your communities. A learner that does not listen to their teachers must know that their future will be snared by the rodents. Secondly, I urge learners to respect their parents and listen to them when they instruct them to do their homework. Lastly, learners must make their school books their best friend",



MEC

MBALI HLOPHE

"Academic learning and sports education complement each other. We are excited as the department as we will be reviving the school sports league this year. We need to consciously invest in school sport to increase the pipeline of our sporting codes"



MEC

FAITH MAZIBUKO

"Our secondary schools serve as a strong foundation for learning, and they play a big role in making education systems more effective and efficient. It is for this reason that we want to ensure that schools are safe and conducive for learning"



MEC

LEBOGANG MAILE

Visited Phelindaba Secondary School in Atteridgeville as part of the province-wide **#Back2SchoolGP** readiness programme. MEC handed over dignity packs to learners.

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BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN



MEC
DR BANDILE MASUKU

Handing over school bags, dignity packs and planting trees at Focheville Secondary School as part of **#Back2SchoolGP**



SPEAKERS
NTOMBI MEKGWE & NONCEBA MOLWELE

Speaker of Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Comrade Ntombi Mekgwe and Speaker City of Joburg, Comrade Nonceba Molwele joined by the Dobsonville PCO Management to handover goodies to learners, Siyabonga Secondary School in Braamfisherville.



DEPUTY SPEAKER

VUYO MHLAKAZA-MANAMELA

The PEC member and deputy speaker at the Gauteng Provincial Legislature, Comrade Vuyo Mhlakaza-Manamela visited various schools as part of ensuring that the 2020 schooling year is a successful one.

TRIBUTE TO THE LATE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF MOGALE CITY

LOCAL MUNICIPALITY BY PREMIER MAKHURA

ANC Gauteng Provincial Chairperson and Premier of Gauteng Province, Comrade David Makhura paid a tribute to the late Executive Mayor of Mogale City Local Municipality, on behalf of the Provincial Government and the people of Gauteng Province.

Comrade Patrick Lipudi was a long-term ANC activist and one of the

longest serving Regional secretaries in the West Rand Region and key in the ANC realignment process from area-based wards to ward based branches. He was also elected into the ANC PEC in Gauteng Province and served as a public representative.

“Yes, celebrate we shall, because he gave 30 years of his 50-year life

to the people of Mogale City, West Rand and Gauteng Province. If ever there was someone who qualified to be called a quintessential People’s Mayor, Comrade Lipudi was such a person. He immersed himself among the masses like a fish in the water. He loved mass work”, said Premier Makhura.

Cde Lipudi was hard-working

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and ethical to the core. He was disciplined and devoted to the cause of the common men and women. Politics was never about power. It was never about plotting. It was never about positions. It was never about tenders. It was never about money. It was never about media attention. Politics was only and always about the people.

Cde Lipudi became a diligent and meticulous Regional Secretary during the seven years of his tenure. He never arrived late for a meeting of Secretaries and never missed a single meeting.

When he was deployed to positions of responsibility in local government, he served the people with distinction, unswerving loyalty and characteristic zeal. When you combine politics with a big-heart and a brilliant mind, you are bound to produce an outstanding revolutionary.

Friends and comrades fondly remember how Cde Lipudi was a proud member of the ANC - "you would never speak ill or convince him otherwise about the ANC. If anything, Cde Lipudi would sacrifice himself and anything to see the ANC live, grow, and succeed."

Mayor Lipudi drew inspiration from his hero, Moses Kotane, who was born at Pella, 10 km from Tlokweng. Malome Kotane rose from being a baker at a confectionery to become one of the finest African revolutionaries of the 20th century.

We will remember Patrick Lipudi as someone who identified fully with the suffering of the downtrodden and saw himself only as an agent for fundamental change; a fervent advocate of radical socioeconomic transformation, shared prosperity and a champion of human solidarity.

In his simplicity, humility and compassion, he was accessible to all and availed himself to engage with the most vulnerable of our society. As a Mayor, he made it his duty to regularly visit the elderly, the disabled, and the sick in their homes.

In him, we have lost a committed champion in the fight against crime, drugs, human trafficking, and gender-based violence. He went out with the Police to demolish houses that were serving as drug dens. My last interaction with him was in late November 2019 during Operation Okae Molao here in Mogale City.

"Cde Lipudi leaves us at a time when our nation and our movement needs more hardworking, courageous, ethical and dedicated leaders who will never give the fight fundamental change; leaders who will never succumb to the trappings of power; leaders who will never give the fight against corruption; leaders who will never tire in the struggle to return the land to the people as a whole; leaders who will never give up the fight for renewal of the ANC, the Alliance and the broad democratic movement", stated Premier Makhura.

In his memory and honour, we need to devote ourselves to the renewal of not only the movement but the revolution itself. Cde Lipudi tried his best to practice renewal. He did his best to serve the people. He displayed a great deal of resistance to corrupt tendencies and remain upright and steadfastly ethical.

Mayor Lipudi's life enriched our lives and those of thousands of activists in the ANC and the Alliance. He contributed to building a stronger and more united ANC in the West rand and in Gauteng. His memory is engraved in the hearts and minds of the poor, Black and White, young and old, in Mogale City.

Farewell Comrade Patrick Naga Lipudi, we will miss you but shall never forget you!

ANC GAUTENG PROVINCE

BID FAREWELL TO RICHARD MAPONYA

The African National Congress Gauteng Province salutes the pioneering African entrepreneur Dr Richard Maponya for his unparalleled contribution in the struggle against apartheid through the development of black business.

Dr Maponya, widely respected as the doyen of black business, passed away on Monday 6 January 2020, a few days after celebrating his 99th birthday. This truly marks the end of an era in the South African township business landscape. Dr Maponya defied the odds and the oppressive apartheid regime to build a highly successful business empire. He established a number of businesses such as petrol stations, supermarkets, car dealerships including owning the first black-owned BMW dealership in Soweto in the 1980s. He once again made history when he opened Maponya Mall in Soweto in 2007.

This has set him apart as one of the most astute businessman of his generation and beyond. Over the years, Dr Maponya has received a number of accolades including the Order of the Baobab in Silver recognising his “excellent contribution to entrepreneurship despite oppressive apartheid conditions, and for serving as an inspiration to disadvantaged South Africans striving for business success”. The province of Gauteng and indeed the entire country has been left poorer at the passing of this pioneer and an entrepreneur par excellence.

We have no doubt that the undisputed legacy of Dr Maponya will continue to inspire the next generation of entrepreneurs to rise to the occasion and contribute to growing Gauteng together and eventually build the South Africa we want.



Ladi Addelus who worked closely with Ntate Maponya said he had tenacity and set goals that he made sure were achieved at all cost.

“Papa was a great icon, we met briefly for the first time in 2011 when my then employer Barloworld called me to establish and run the Greenfield operation of the two dealerships in Soweto, Soweto Toyota and Volkswagen. I was amazed by his tenacity and handsome approach especially given his age at the time.

Addelus said he always told me that one only rest when they die and he kept true to those words.

“To demonstrate that he died with his boots on like he always predicted, I was with him on 2 January, 2020 where he was giving me instructions, from organizing meetings to discussing plans for the year.

“At his age his work rate was unbelievable. We always talked about the Sierra Leon’s proverb that, ‘the stomach does not go on holiday’. He had the memory of an elephant, his ability to remember numbers and events was admirable.

Businessman, Herman Mashaba said he is the businessman he is today because of the example set by Dr Maponya.

“He was a family man, who viewed family as being the foundation to his success as a businessman, secondly, he valued education and skills development as a key to long term economic growth and development, he never shied away from taking risks because he was not afraid of failure and lastly Dr Maponya believed in the value of hard work and set an example for all of us on what can be achieved when you are willing to invest in time and effort to make it happen”, said Mashaba.

Speaking on behalf of the family, William Maponya said the business icon was passionate about education amongst other things.

“It is very sad, very difficult to accept that Dr Richard Maponya is no more”, said William Maponya.



PREMIER DAVID MAKHURA

ON ANTI-CRIME OPERATION OKAE MOLAO SUCCESSES

Gauteng Premier, David Makhura has commended the South African Police Services (SAPS) on their continued work towards fighting crime in the province.

“During my State of the Province Address, I had committed the police to reduce crime in our province by 50% in the 40 high priority police stations. I am equally pleased that police have been paying much attention to Gender-Based Violence, car hijackings, house robberies and drugs.” Premier Makhura said.

The Premier received feedback from Gauteng Provincial Commissioner Lieutenant-General Elias Mawela on the provincial crime statistics between October 2019 to January 2020.

Crimes related to murder in Gauteng have gone down by 3,9% for the period of October 2019 to January 2020, compared to the same period in 2018. Sexual offences have been reduced by

10.3%, whilst rape crimes have gone down by 10,7%. Attempted sexual offences have been reduced by 26.4%, and contact sexual offences by 35%.

Burglary at residential and non-residential premises have gone down by 8,1% and 8.4 % respectively.

Through police action, illegal firearms and ammunition found by police is 971 compared to 917 same period last year, drug related crimes is 9372 compared to 8399 of the same period last year.

“Our Police are hard at work and I want to assure Gauteng citizens we won’t rest until we defeat crime. We are entrusted by people of Gauteng to create a conducive environment for business to prosper. Only in a crime-free Province can business and entrepreneurship prosper and provide much needed jobs for our youth. I am happy that all our law enforcement agencies are hard at work for a crime free Gauteng” Premier Makhura added.

Counterfeit goods worth R5billion confiscated since February 2019 were destroyed at the Clayville Storage Facility on Thursday, 23 January 2020.

The goods destroyed on Thursday, 23 January 2020 were confiscated during operation Okae Molao led by Premier Makhura and General Mawela in the Johannesburg CBD in November 2019.

“Goods brought into the country illegally have a devastating impact on the economy of our country. Our local industries are being undermined and destroyed by these counterfeit goods that are often linked to drugs and human trafficking,” added Premier Makhura in Clayville.

Premier Makhura says the provincial government will continue to work with law enforcement agencies and customs officials to clamp down on counterfeit goods.

JOBURG

CITY OF JOBURG MAYOR MAKHUBO TAKES #KLEENA JOBURG CAMPAIGN TO ALEXANDRA

Hundreds of residents from Ward 75, Alexandra braved the rainy and cold weather to participate in the #Kleena Joburg campaign. The cleanup took place on Saturday, 25 January in Alexandra and is aimed at transforming the city into a clean and safe environment for residents.

The Executive Mayor was accompanied by Member of the Mayoral Committee (MMC) for Environment and Infrastructure Services Cllr Mpho Moerane, City Power CEO, Mr Lerato Setshedi, MD Pikitup Ms Bukelwa Njingolo and other senior managers in the city.

Fully armed with gloves, rakes, spades, refuse bags, litter pickers and brooms, the Mayor and MMC joined city employees and residents and worked hard to sweep the streets, remove rubble, collect refuse, clear illegal dumping sites, fixed street lights, cleared blocked KPIs and drains and more.

“The campaign is about building responsible communities and educating citizens not to litter”, says Mayor Makhubo. He encourages residents to assume responsibility and clean the areas where they reside.

MMC Cllr Mpho Moerane said “the campaign is to educate the residents to keep their spaces clean and it is responsibility of the residents to keep their area clean” Our responsibility as the city is to pick up their rubbish. What is important is for the communities to change the culture to live in a cleaner environment, he concluded.

The ‘KleenaJoburg’ campaign one of the key mayoral projects which aims to transform Joburg into a clean and safe environment for families and residents to enjoy. The operation also aims ensure by-laws are enforced.



JANUARY 8 STATEMENT

SERVICE DELIVERY PLAN

- As part of the measures the ANC has adopted to address weaknesses in local government, we are beginning to implement the District Development Model to integrate planning, coordination and budgeting across all three spheres of government to drive local development. This means that national, provincial and local government must develop one plan and one budget for each district across the country.
- Communities need to work with municipalities in line with the approach of the District Development Model to ensure that services are delivered efficiently and sustainably. Among other things, this means that residents need to pay for the services they receive.

BUILDING A UNITED AND COHESIVE SOCIETY

'ALL NATIONAL GROUPS SHALL HAVE EQUAL RIGHTS'

'ALL SHALL ENJOY EQUAL HUMAN RIGHTS'

- The task of building a non-racial society remains fundamental to the work of our movement and to broader society. Through our policies, programmes and practices, we need to advance non-racialism, ensuring that

every South African appreciates their equal and irrevocable right to call this country home. All South Africans must feel that they have a future here.

- GBV Issues: We need to build a non-sexist society in which all forms of gender discrimination, oppression, exploitation and violence are eradicated. This requires the achievement of full gender equality in all areas of life, from the home to the workplace, from the economy to the sports field.
- We must recognise that gender-based violence and femicide is a national crisis and we need to mobilise all the energy and all the resources of society to end it. In particular, we should support the National Strategic Plan against GBV that has been developed by government and civil society.

INVESTMENT, JOBS AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

'THE PEOPLE SHALL SHARE IN THE COUNTRY'S WEALTH'

'THERE SHALL BE WORK AND SECURITY'

- We reiterate that the creation of jobs is at the center of our economic agenda,
- We welcome the significant investment commitments –

totaling more than R600 billion – that have been realised through the first two South Africa Investment Conferences.

- We will build on the progress made in enhancing our industrial strategy, developing, financing and implementing master plans in sectors with great potential for growth, unlocking the potential of small business, cooperatives and the township economy, and increasing competitiveness
- Through the development of suitable skills, by lowering the cost of data and improving access to broadband, we are working to embrace the opportunities of the new digital technologies
- We will work closely with neighbours to implement the African Continental Free Trade Area in the year ahead; and review trade relationships to promote South African exports particularly of value-added products;
- In line with the resolutions of the 54th National Conference, we reaffirm the role, mandate and independence of the Reserve Bank, and will undertake the process towards full public ownership of the Bank in a manner and according to a



- timeframe that is prudent and affordable and that does not benefit private shareholder speculators.
- We also welcome the work underway, including the drafting of the necessary legislation, towards the establishment of a state bank that will improve access for all South Africans to affordable financial services.

AN EFFECTIVE LAND REFORM PROGRAMME

'THE LAND SHALL BE SHARED AMONG THOSE WHO WORK IT'

- A committee of Parliament has released proposed amendments to section 25 of the Constitution for public comment. We urge structures of the movement to engage with this issue critically and to ensure that the relevant amendment is passed without delay. All legislative efforts to accelerate the return of the land to the people will be done lawfully and in line with the provisions of the Constitution.

ERADICATING POVERTY AND IMPROVING PEOPLE'S LIVES

'THERE SHALL BE HOUSES, SECURITY AND COMFORT'

- Work to improve access for all to quality health care should receive priority attention

this year. This will facilitate the process towards the establishment of the National Health Insurance, which will fundamentally transform health care in South Africa. By establishing a single national health insurance fund to ensure all South Africans receive the necessary treatment and care regardless of ability to pay, the NHI will reduce the huge inequalities and inefficiencies in our health system.

EDUCATION AND SKILLS FOR A CHANGING WORLD

'THE DOORS OF LEARNING AND CULTURE SHALL BE OPENED'

- We must speed up the implementation of the three-stream curriculum model of basic education to provide three educational streams – academic, technical-vocational and technical-occupational – for learners to make an easy transition from school to colleges and universities and to be educated and trained in a way that meets the skills and labour demands of the country's economy.

SOCIAL COHESION AND SAFE COMMUNITIES

'ALL SHALL BE EQUAL BEFORE THE LAW'

- We will intensify our efforts to end state capture in all its forms, ensure those responsible are

held accountable and that all money stolen from the government or public bodies is recovered. There should be no place to hide, anywhere in South Africa and the world, for criminals – whether in the public or private sector – who have stolen from our people.

- We must work to make our streets, homes and communities safer through improved police visibility, more effective training of police and the greater involvement of community policing and safety forums in fighting crime.

- We must sustain the momentum in the fight to end gender-based violence

BETTER AFRICA, BETTER WORLD

'THERE SHALL BE PEACE AND FRIENDSHIP'

- The countries of Africa need to be united in support of multilateralism and in the reform of global institutions, such as the United Nations Security Council, to ensure that they represent the interests of Africa



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