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PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Back to school campaign at Trompsburg

By Yanga Ngcukana: GCIS, Free State

Learners at Trompsburg Secondary School were happy to be back at school after the long festive season holidays.

On 12 January 2022, the Executive Mayor of Xhariep District Municipality, Irene Mehlomakhulu, conducted a monitoring visit to the school on the first day of the 2022 academic year, supported by the Government Communication and Information System (GCIS), South African Police Service, Xhariep District Municipality, and Free State offices of the Premier and Education MEC.

Mayor Mehlomakhulu wished the learners well for the year and advised that they keep their eyes on the ball and to remain focused throughout their academic year.

She also honoured the teachers for their sacrifices and going the extra mile in ensuring that learners succeed in their studies and subsequently in life.

She emphasised to the learners that they are the 'hope' within their respective homes and communities.

The GCIS urged the public to avoid being oblivious to the fact that COVID-19 is still prevalent and that everyone should adhere to safety regulations and get vaccinated.

School principal Chepa Tshiloane expressed his gratitude to the team that attended the reopening of the 2022 academic year.

"The 2022 academic year will be a good year for us. We are starting it on a good note with the visit of the Mayor and I promise we will not disappoint the Mayor and the community of Trompsburg. For the past three years, the school maintained a 100% pass rate and over 50% bachelor passes," said Tshiloane.



Principal Chepa Tshiloane addressing Trompsburg Secondary School learners during the first day of school in 2022.



Mayor Irene Mehlomakhulu motivating learners at Trompsburg Secondary School.



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Via SMS by dialling *134*832#.
Call the COVID-19 hotline 0800 029 999.

PRIORITY 3: EDUCATION, SKILLS AND HEALTH.

Waterberg school campaign

By Maria Ramoshaba: GCIS, Limpopo

Limpopo MEC for Transport and Community Safety Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya together with the Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Councillor Thulare Taueatswala, embarked on a back-to-school campaign at six schools in the municipality, from 12 to 14 January 2022, to monitor readiness and compliance to COVID-19 protocols.

The visited schools were: DG Tsebe High and Ithuteng Lower Primary in Mahwelereng, Tetema High in Moshate, Mosesane Baloyi Primary School in Tshamahansi, Moshupya Primary School in Moshate and EDL Rampola High in Mahwelereng township.

Education District Manager Ndo Mangale, Waterberg District mayoral committee members, Old Mutual and a local doctor were also in attendance.

All the schools visited did not have setbacks that prevented the teaching and learning. All COVID-19 protocols were being adhered to.

The principal of Moshupya Primary School appreciated the visit by the entourage and raised a concern that his school which was built in 1968, had dilapidated buildings and therefore there was a need for a new state-of-the-art school.

The MEC urged learners to be productive at school. "The country needs engineers and scientists. Dating and drugs not good at all as it delays you future. Do not live as if you are 25 years old. What will you do when you reach that age? We believe in you to be the future of South Africa. Start to believe in yourself," said the MEC.

The learners were encouraged to continue to wear masks as the virus is still with us. Those who are over 12 years old were encouraged to vaccinate.

Parents and guardians were urged to ensure that their children are transported in a safe and reliable transport, which meets the specifications of the National School Transport Policy.

The Mayor encouraged learners to respect educators, refrain from using drugs, carrying of weapons and bullying.

He further encouraged them to report any form of abuse to the educators so that they have a safe learning and teaching environment.

"Government is confident that our teachers will continue to work hard to ensure the best possible education for our learners," concluded the Mayor.



MEC Anton Bredell during his address at the launch of the high mast lighting project in Grabouw.



MEC Anton Bredell and other stakeholders during the handover of funds for the Hermanus Safe House/Shelter.

PRIORITY 5: SPATIAL INTEGRATION, HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Overberg community projects completed

By Louis Botha: GCIS, Western Cape

Several critically important high mast lighting projects have been completed in five informal settlements in the Overberg District Municipality.

The new infrastructure will provide Overberg areas with lighting to positively impact community safety and well-being. Some of the high mast lights are situated close to the N2 in the Grabouw region and light up the road, which contributes to safer road and pedestrian transport.

The total cost of the project was R2.23 million and was funded by the Western Cape Department of Local Government and it contributes to the achievement of the Province's Strategic Priorities.

The MEC for Local Government, Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Anton Bredell, visited a number of catalytic projects across the Overberg District in December 2021. These projects form part of the Joint District and Metro Approach (JDMA), which is being coordinated by the Department of Local Government.

The JDMA is a process that relies on greater collaboration between national, provincial and local government, non-governmental organisations and the private sector. It is a strategy that includes co-planning, co-budgeting and co-implementation between the various partners in order to positively impact the lives and livelihoods of residents.

Following the Grabouw visit on 13 January 2021, the MEC visited a new night shelter/safe house in Hermanus that is currently being completed.

Bredell said, "This key facility will support some of the most vulnerable people in this community and can now be completed thanks to an effective JDMA collaboration effort. This collaboration includes funding of R400 000 that was secured through the District Safety Forum from the Department of Community Safety with support from the South African Police Service and the Overstrand Municipality."

He noted that once operational, the facility will be able to accommodate 34 homeless people and also serve as a space for other South African Police Service prevention and support programmes.

"We are proud of the achievements and want to thank our partners in this endeavour for helping us to do more," said Bredell.



MEC Anton Bredell during his address at the launch of the high mast lighting project in Grabouw.



MEC Anton Bredell and other stakeholders during the handover of funds for the Hermanus Safe House/Shelter.

PRIORITY 2: ECONOMIC TRANSFORMATION AND JOB CREATION.

Boegoebaai Green Hydrogen Project

By Willem van Dalen: GCIS Northern, Cape

On 17 January 2022, the Minister in The Presidency, Mondli Gungubele, joined a delegation from SASOL, Infrastructure South Africa and the Northern Cape Provincial Government in Alexanderbaai, for a stakeholder engagement and site visit to Boegoebaai, to kickstart the Green Hydrogen Project.

The project was identified as a “big frontier” that represents both future and current growth and investment opportunities for South Africa as the demand for green hydrogen and green hydrogen-based products such as ammonia and synthetic jet fuels is rising.

The Minister was taken on a tour of the coastline where the project will be implemented in Boegoebaai, before meeting with the stakeholders that are tasked with leading the project that is expected to boost the Northern Cape economy and create job opportunities.

Minister Gungubele said, “The Northern Cape is well endowed with natural resources that can reposition this province, and South Africa in energy provision both for export and use in South Africa.”

When addressing the stakeholders responsible for the project, Northern Cape Premier, Zamani Saul said, “This project will be a game-changer for the socio-economic landscape of our province.”

He added that the Richtersveld Municipality will also change into something else when this project is successfully implemented.

The project is valued at just over R13 billion and is one of the flagship projects under the stewardship of Kgosientso Ramokgopa, who is the head of Investment and Infrastructure in The Presidency. He was also present at the stakeholder engagement.

“Infrastructure is the cornerstone of the country’s economic recovery and reconstruction plan because of its multiplier effect on restoring economic growth, creating new jobs and protecting livelihoods,” said Ramokgopa.



Minister Mondli Gungubele addressing the Green Hydrogen Project stakeholder meeting in Alexanderbaai.



Premier Zamani Saul at the event to kickstart the Green Hydrogen Project in the Northern Cape.



Government leaders and stakeholders during a site visit at the Boegoebaai coastline.