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Minister of Higher Education and Training Dr Blade Nzimande: Imbizo Focus Week - Richmond, KwaZulu-Natal

BRIEF: Cabinet approved that the second National Imbizo Focus Week of this administration to take place during Parliamentary recess between 7 and 12 April 2015.

Happening on the heels of the State of the Nation Address and cluster media briefings, the week aims to heighten communication around pronouncements made by the President during his State of the Nation Address.

This Imbizo Focus Week affords Ministers and Deputy Ministers as well as Premiers the opportunity of engaging with communities particularly in rural and urban areas, villages, townships, peri-urban settlements as well as informal settlements.

As part of Imbizo Focus Week Minister of Higher Education and Training Dr Blade Nzimande visited Richmond Municipality under uMgungundlovu District to interact with community members about the department's plans for the Richmond area. The Minister announced that Richmond LM will soon have training institutions. He further added that his department has injected 25 million in a project which will commence in November 2015.

VOX POP: Name of respondent: Amanda Zuma from Richmond



"Availability of a training institution in Richmond means that the majority of youth will have access to education. Most people here are not working hence they cannot afford to travel to nearby institutions in Pietermaritzburg. For this reason financial assistance from NSFAS has not been beneficial to the community. I strongly believe that the initiative will improve the lives of people in Richmond."