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No more late coming and long walk to school for Gaseitsewe learners in Ngobi Village

Learners of Gaseitsewe High School in Ngobi village in the Moretele Local Municipality will no longer walk long distance nor be late to school following the official handing over of bicycles by the Community Safety and Transport Management MEC Dr Mpho Motlhabane.

Handing over 108 bicycles to those learners who have been walking more than 3km to school, MEC Motlhabane said these bicycles are considered as educational enhancement and support tool to learners.

"This initiative is deliberately geared towards reduction of learner's walking and traveling time between home and school."

The intervention seeks to half the fatigue rate for learners and significantly improve learners concentration span so that they have ample time to focus on their school work.

"I believe that from now on learners who just received the bicycles will no longer have to leave their home very early and often in the dark during winter seasons. Neither will they have to walk to school or even arrive late back at home, as it were.

These bicycles will provide ease of mobility to learners walking to and from school on daily basis, and will also become a necessary tool to guarantee daily physical training and a healthy body to the user.

Since a healthy body houses an equally healthy mind, then surely learners benefitting from this intervention are guaranteed to excel in their school work," said Dr Motlhabane.

The bicycle project started in 2002 and the department has so far distributed thousands of bicycles to learners in rural areas of the province.

In the past two weeks alone the department has distributed a total of 350 bicycles in rural schools in Madibeng, Moretele and Moses Kotane.

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