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RECOMMENDATION ON INSTALLATION OF ROAD SIGNS IN LETSOPA TOWNSHIP PAVED A WAY FOR REALEKA SECONDARY TO REPRESENT NW

Identification and recommendations made on lack of road signs and potholes found on the Oliver Tambo street, in Letsopa township in the Ottosdal, has paved a way for the Realeka Secondary school to obtain position one during the 2016 Provincial School Participatory Education Technique (PET).

The event was held today, 23 Septemeber 2016 at the Barolong-Boora-Tshidi hall in Mahikeng, were six schools participated.

The five member team of confident learners of Realeka Secondary identified challenges they experience on daily basis on their way to the school, which at some point put their lives at risk. The school will represent the North West at the National Competition that will be held later next month in the Limpopo.

The second position was attained by the Mmabatho High School as Marikana High School couldn't afford not to be counted amongst the list of winners, obtaining position three. The winning school took home a whopping amount of R8 000, second position R6 000 and third position went home with R4 000.

Speaking on behalf of the school, the jovial Candy Skei, an English and Mathematics teacher at Realeka said hardwork, confidence and teamwork have contributed for the school results on the competition. "We are over the moon, the results are a clear indication that teamwork pays off. These kids have worked hard for this project, they had sleepless nights and today they are getting their reward," said Skei with excitement.

In his address during the event, Community Safety and Transport Management Acting Head of Department Mr Buti Chuma said the PET is an important programme that uplifts the confidence of learners, developing their level of thinking. He further said it encourages learners to consider other career opportunities. "This is not just a competition but a programme which develops our children, and avails opportunities for them. With this programme, they are able to consider other career opportunities. From what they have displayed including their solutions to challenges they identified we are confident that we now have future engineers, town planners and architectures," said Chuma.

The Acting Head of the Department further said that it is encouraging that learners are able to identify road safety problems in and around their schools and communities and further present immediate solutions.

The PET is an educational flagship programme which aims at changing learner's attitude towards road safety issues by means of participatory education. The programme also aims to encourage learners to be aware of road safety challenges in their community as well as to enhance learner's presentation skills by ways of presentation sessions.

During this programme, learners compete with each other by illustrating community safety problems and give researched presentation in form of displaying models and presentations with resources that are provided by the department.

Other participating schools were Monchusi, Itshupeng and Morare high Schools, which received and amount of R2 000 each.

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