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MEC'S HELPING HAND LEAVES LEARNERS EAGER TO ATTEND SCHOOL WITHOUT EXCUSES

Learners from both Tselathuto Secondary in Itereleng village and Thuto-Neo Secondary in Kgomotso were ecstatic for the gifts they received from the MEC for Community Safety and Transport Management, Dr Mokgantshang Motlhabane on Monday, 27 February 2017.

As part of VTSD (Villages, Townships and Small Dorpies) economic development MEC adopted the two schools that are situated in Taung, as a way to give back to the community. He previously made a solemn promise to help the school by taking care of the learners there in order to improve their year-end results, and also for the betterment of these learners' lives in order for them to attain a bright future. That promise was now being delivered to the needy learners to keep their determination to study and succeed high.

It has been noted that most learners drop out of school because they do not have basics such as appropriate shoes and school uniform. These cannot bear to suffer becoming the laughing stock at school, due to tattered school shoes and uniform they sometimes wear or worse still being returned home for improper uniform.

The MEC has gone all out to seek help from stakeholders and willing partners such as Atamelang, Thari and Bojanala Bus Services who were more than excited to partner him and donated school uniforms and shoes as well as garden utensils such as; spades, seeds, hose-pipes and wheelbarrows to the schools.

The MEC assured the staff and learners of both the schools that they will come back to these schools to check how they are performing and whether this contribution was yielding the necessary returns. He also encouraged learners to study hard, listen to their teachers and their parents. "We are trying as the government, sponsors, teachers and parents to make your life easier because we know that working together will bring positive outcomes. The responsibility then lies with you. Please attend school on time, and take your studies more seriously because education is the key to success. Also note that education is important and it is one gift that cannot be taken away from you by anyone, once you possess it. When you are educated you become an independent person, you get better jobs and live a better life," said the MEC as he was addressing the learners.

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Kelebogile Louw (17), a girl who is in grade 12 at Tselathuto High School said she is overwhelmed to receive the uniform, and she promised to excel in her studies. "This will make me fulfil my dreams of becoming a doctor. I thank the MEC and the people he came with for doing this for us. We will make them proud. No more excuses for not coming to school," said Louw.

Rre Moagi from Bojanala bus service expressed gratitude for the good work done. "We as Bojanala bus service are happy to be part of this and we thank the department for allowing us the opportunity to be part of this initiative. We will continue to support such initiatives for the betterment of the lives of our children," concluded Moagi.

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