



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**PREMIER MAAPE CONGRATULATES THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR A STELLAR PERFORMANCE AT THE 2022 ABC MOTSEPE SOUTH AFRICAN SCHOOLS CHORAL EISTEDDFOD.**

**Mahikeng** - The North West has been crowned the Best Province at the 2022 ABC Motsepe South African Schools Choral Eisteddfod recently held at Randburg in Gauteng. The SASCE is one of the most important school programmes aimed at promoting and fostering social cohesion, reconciliation and forge the country's new national identity among learners.

The province scooped thirteen (13) trophies in different categories. Twenty three (23) schools represented the province at these competitions.

Former Chief Education Specialist for School Enrichment Mr. Jacky Maila and Departmental Administrator Mr Mzwandile Matthews received a special award from Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga for contributing towards the establishment of this programme.

Premier Maape maintains the achievement serves as a testimony in changing negative perceptions about the province.

"We are on course in taking the province into greater heights. This achievement serves as a confidence booster in forging ahead with a number of socio-economic initiatives aimed at repositioning our province. We are slowly getting there. I'm excited at this achievement because our province is known for great things" said Premier Maape.

Premier Maape maintains the programme is important as government continues to grapple with various challenges confronting the youth.

"The dedication, resilience and enthusiasm that was demonstrated by both learners and teachers as well as officials and MEC Matsemela is appreciated. We are confronted with a number of social ills such as and drugs and substance abuse, teenage pregnancy and so forth. Initiatives such as this one are important in promoting moral regeneration in our schools" concluded Premier Maape.

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