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Modernised NW Secondary School for the Deaf set for official opening

Leeudoringstad: Premier of the North West Province, Prof Tebogo Job Mokgoro will on Wednesday, 07 November 2018, officially open the redesigned North West Secondary School for the Deaf in Leeudoringstad near Wolmaranstad, this following the deadly incident which claimed the lives of three girl learners when a fire broke from one of the buildings at the school premises in 2015.

The official opening of the NW Secondary School for the Deaf is in line with Premier Mokgoro's second 100 days in office programme of handing over completed infrastructure projects to the beneficiaries across the province.

Central to the school renovation project which is valued at R127 million, was the improvement of safety and security features for learners with special needs and demolishing of asbestos buildings and constructing new structures.

In a concerted effort to prevent the recurrence of unpleasant events similar to the 2015 fire incident, the provincial government prioritised the installation of Fire Suppression facilities which include high-tech smoke detectors in all buildings, bed-shakers on all beds and emergency flashing lights in all school buildings, amongst others.

Furthermore, the reconstruction process made provision for the school's learning and recreational infrastructure to be upgraded, thus making it one of the most improved special schools in the country. The newly built structures include classrooms, hostels for boys and girls, a computer lab, a soccer field, swimming pool, combined courts for

Basketball / Netball and Tennis / Volley ball, as well as outdoor play areas with gym equipment amongst others.

The North West Secondary School for the Deaf is the only secondary school in the Province, and currently has eighty four (84) Deaf learners registered.

Premier Mokgoro who will be joined by the MEC for Education and Sport Development Mr Sello Lehari and the Mayor of Maquassi Hills Local Municipality Cllr Noni Kgabi, will officially open the newly refurbished school as follows:

Date : Wednesday, 07 October 2018
Venue: Leeudoringstad, NW Secondary School for the Deaf
Maquassi Hills Local Municipality
Time : 09h00

Members of the Media are invited to cover the event.

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