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MEC YAWA HANDSOVER R7, 4 M REABETSWE SECONDARY CHOOL

The unexpected spring rain couldn't dampen the mood of Ipelegeng Township residents on Tuesday as North West MEC for Public Works; Honourable Howard Yawa delivered the newly built Reabetswe Secondary School near Schweitzer-Reneke.

The delivery of the 12 class roomed school building project which constitute the First Phase of the school building project was built at a cost of R7, 4 million and includes an administration block, a computer room and thirty six toilets .The completion of the first phase of the project brings to an end thirty months of platooning by close to two thousand learners from Ikgomotseng Primary and Reabetswe Secondary Schools.

In his address, MEC Yawa said apartheid infrastructure planning had denied our people access to quality public infrastructure such as schools, health facilities and recreational facilities .He said that in the past twelve years, the ANC led government has made great strides to improve access to quality public education within limited resources and constraints. He said that this has resulted in accelerated provision of school infrastructure and more equitable distribution of resources.

Yawa commended the people of Ipelegeng for their patience and support. He said they did not join communities that whine at everything and anything. He said that their patience and confidence in the ANC government has paid off.



"Today you are reaping the fruits of our hard-earned democracy, hardwork, dedication and patience. In many ways than one, today's handover is a pledge redeemed, a promise fulfilled, a dream come true, and indeed a mission accomplished for the learners, educators and the community of Ipelegeng." MEC Yawa told the audience.

MEC Yawa called on the community to invest their time and efforts in ensuring that the school is free from crime, vandalism and drugs. He appealed to the community to look after the school and to ensure that its operation and ethos reflect the values enshrined in the constitution.

He further called on the School Governing Body to ensure that the achievements of its learners continue to improve and that the behaviour of the educators is exemplary so that the country could share the pride of the community in its school and the education it instills.

The school was officially opened on behalf of the MEC for Education by the Mayor of Mamusa Local Municipality, Honourable Councillor Rantsho Gincane.

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