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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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PREMIER MAAPE APPLAUDS THE CLASS OF 2023 FOR IMPROVED MATRIC RESULTS

**MAHIKENG** – North West Premier, Bushy Kaobitsa Maape has applauded the Matric Class of 2023 for improved matric results. The province obtained 81.6 % and retained its fourth position of 2021. These results represent an increase of 1.8 % from 2022 where the province claimed a fifth position in national matriculants results outcomes.

The number of candidates who passed with Bachelors has increased to 15 059 (36,36%) compared to 14 733 (33.62) of the Class of 2022. Moreover, Diploma passes has also improved by 11 646 (28,12%), which is higher than 10 794 (26,3%) of 2022.

Premier Maape maintains the results mirrors the hard work undertaken by the Executive Council in making education one of its apex priorities.

"The outcome of these results gives credence to the fortitude displayed by government and the department in making sure that education remains one of our apex priorities as a province.

"Through the Accelerated Service Delivery Programme -Thuntsha Lerole, we made a commitment that teaching and learning will not be left behind as we roll-out this plan. And I can confidently say our efforts were not in vain" insists Premier Maape.

The 2023 cohort also scored a total of 7 067 distinctions in various subjects, excluding Life Orientation, as compared to 6 478 in the previous year.

"This achievement reflects the efforts and commitments of ordinary men and women who have taken it up themselves to demonstrate to the country that we are a province of skilled and ethical personnel."

Bojanala Platinum District Municipality reclaimed its top position as the performing district with 84, 24 percent. It is followed by Dr Kenneth Kaunda District at 83, 51 percent. Ngaka Modiri Molema and Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati Districts are sitting at position three and four with 78, 79 and 77, 16 percent respectively. All these districts have improved their pass rate as compared to the previous year.

"Credit must also go to our teachers, school governing bodies, house of traditional and Khoi-San leaders, leaders of faith-based organisations, the private sector and all social partners who have traversed this journey with us" maintains Premier Maape.

Premier Maape has implored the private sector to collaborate with the Office of the Premier to expand the reach of the Victor Sifora Provincial Bursary Scheme. The Bursary Scheme is currently funding one hundred forty-five students who are enrolled at various institutions of higher learning to the tune of sixteen million rand.

Premier Maape also take this opportunity to applaud the stewardship of MEC Viola Motsumi and her entire departmental collective for a stellar performance in the 2023 matric results outcomes.

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