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MEC Mohono deployed to assess schools' state of readiness in Potchefstroom

Potchefstroom - North West MEC for Tourism Desbo Mohono has recently called on all parents and members of the community to volunteer at public schools within their area to assist with some of the administrative and infrastructure backlogs faced by our public school administration. Mohono said that parents need to be fully involved in their children' schools and assist where possible and necessary in order to meaningfully contribute towards creating a conducive learning environment for their children.

"As parents we need to get fully involved at our children's schools. We need to volunteer our time, skills, expertise and knowledge to ensure that these schools become better places for our children to learn and express themselves. Community members must also come on board and participate in ensuring that these schools remain in a favorable environment for learning", said Mohono.

Mohono said this during her state of readiness assessment visit to four primary schools namely Buffelsvlei Intermediate School, Ikalafeng Special School, Nanogang Primary School and Vyfhoek Primary School which are all situated within the Potchefstroom area in the Dr. Kenneth Kaunda District. She said that she was generally impressed and was quite content with the status quo of those schools ahead of reopening for the 2018 academic year.

The state of readiness assessment visits are part of the initiative by the North West Provincial Legislature to deploy all Members of the Executive Council to assess if all schools across the province are ready to commence with their day to day business of functional and conducive education the school will offer this academic year.

"Although there is still a lot of work to be done at these schools, I am generally impressed by the manner in which these schools are managed. I have met with senior officials of these schools and according to our checklist they are doing quite well. As government we just need to support them, avail more resources and ensure that we do all we can for these schools. We will also attempt to bring in local business people to assist with sponsorships and other resources such as sporting equipment where possible", said Mohono.

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