

**ADDRESS BY HIS WORSHIP THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF SEKHUKHUNE DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY ON THE OCASSION OF PRIZE-GIVING AND MOTIVATION CEREMONY OF THE CLASS 2018 COORDINATED BY MAMONE SCIENCE CENTRE AT JANE FURSE COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL, MAKHUDUTHAMAGA**

**Programme Director**

Representation from Limpopo Provincial Government

Representation from Department of Education

Councillors representing Sekhukhune District and local municipalities

The leadership of Hulisani Education Resource Centre

The leadership of Mamone Science Centre

Parents and learners of the class of 2018

Distinguished Guests

**Ladies and Gentlemen**

Allow me to borrow an adage from Sepedi language that says 'Mogale o a galefišwa' which only means we have a duty to sharpen the finest among our young people by acknowledging their efforts and achievement.

However, there could not be any amount of excellence to mention if educators from different schools did not make indelible sacrifices of putting away the thoughts of relaxation with their families and dedicating weekends to perfecting these young minds.

## **Programme Director**

In the 2017 State of the District Address I reported to the broader community of Sekhukhune about the obtaining conditions and outlined the District's strategic agenda.

I have used that address to acknowledge the work of Mamone Science Centre as part of an endeavour to draw attention to the positive developmental initiatives and progress made in the district across all spheres.

We will continue to acknowledge your initiatives and achievements to motivate fellow citizens and residents of Sekhukhune to espouse the winning spirit characterised by collaboration and joint efforts to build social compacts for sustainable development of the District.

## **Programme Director**

Allow me to congratulate Mamone Science Centre for maintaining high quality standards in gearing our District and the province for the targeted pass rate of 80%, which is a national average – by allowing learners from Grade 10 to Grade 12 to supplement their studies and enjoy a detailed attention from the best educators from different schools.

I wish to especially congratulate Mr Fanuel Ntake and Mr William Moatshe for steering this ambitious project. But foremost for intending to turn the project into building a one-stop science centre for advancing maths and science education, and society's needs. In the light of 4<sup>th</sup>

Industrial Revolution science will not only play a catalytic role – it will be the language of the future.

I learnt that the grand vision of the science centre is to become the preferred service provider for scientific research by hosting laboratory services that will be providing all forms of scientific evidence required for societal development, and science education and enquiry by members of the community.

### **Programme Director**

Office of the Executive Mayor has adopted schools whose pass rate was less than 30% and now they are well above 50%. We may not adopt all schools because of the local government's mandate and we are relieved that Mamone Science Centre is an education enrichment project established in 2010 to address challenges in Mathematics and Physical Sciences in Sekhukhune District, Makhuduthamaga in particular.

The Project operates from Kgaladi and Marotobale Primary Schools in Mamone. Currently, the education circuits impacted by the project since 2010 include Ngwaritsi, Lobethal, Glen Cowie, Phokwane, Mmashadi, Schoonoord and Masemola.

The project helps learners to catch up with the curricular requirements and to grasp content for Mathematics, Physical Sciences, Accounting and Mathematical Literacy, thus improving performance. Lessons are offered on Saturdays and school vacations include Mathematic, Physical Sciences, Accounting, Maths literacy, Life Sciences and Economics (English and Geography are added to the programme only on school vacations). To ensure comprehensive learner support there are ongoing

consultative meetings held with various stakeholders (parents, SGBs, circuit managers, teachers and learners).

### **Programme Director**

Please allow me to rest my case by indicating that, we are deeply motivated to be here during this joyous moments, particularly in the midst of the ongoing shocking matric performance affecting our district municipality.

For quite too long we have been found wanting as Sekhukhune by always being 'moseleng' provincially. We are even ashamed of the figures because the lesser said about them the better. Hence we are deeply encouraged by your efforts and overall performance.

Ke kgopela gore le thabeng ka moka gobane le nna re thabile. Lena bana ba kgosi yeo e mpusago. Ditlogolwana tsa Sekwati le Mampuru, lena бага Mohumagadi Madinoge, setshaba sa Jac 'Squirrel' Mashegoane, lena ditlogolokhukhu tsa Elias Phakane Moretsele, Flag Boshielo, Ntate Diale le ka moka bahlabani ntweng ya tokologo. Kere go lena 'moepa thutse kodimela gago lehumo leo le tswago kgauswi'.

We congratulate you for putting the pedestal of success.

**Ke a leboga!**