

MEC focuses on eradicating dilapidated schools

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Mpumalanga education MEC Reginah Mhaule says she will do all she can to ensure that all schools in the province are in a good state for the enhancement of teaching and learning.

Mhaule was addressing the issue of school infrastructure at a media briefing in Mbombela yesterday where she announced that R692387m had been allocated to deal with 178 school projects this year. Seventy of these schools were damaged as a result of storms. Mhaule said the provincial

education department conceded there were schools experiencing overcrowding due to a shortage of classrooms. She said some of these schools needed renovations, the improvement of sanitation systems and repairing of damage caused by storms while other areas required new schools. She said the department commissioned the Education Facilities Management System to compile a report on the state of habitability of schools throughout the province. This would enable the department

to understand the magnitude of the problems facing them. She said that in the past two years 255 mobile classrooms were dispatched to schools. The department focused on fixing 254 mud and unsafe schools and the project was nearing completion, with only 20 schools still in progress. Mhaule also said the department handled 255 infrastructure projects last year at a cost of R620m. This included the construction of eight new schools. provinces@thenewage.co.za



South Africans called to observe Freedom Day

Pretoria Cabinet has called on South Africans and citizens abroad to observe Freedom Day on 27 April, by sparing a thought for past struggle heroes and heroines.

“This is an occasion to remember and celebrate struggle icons and honour those who continue to be committed to transformation and to building a better life for all of us,” said Cabinet spokesperson, Jimmy Manyi said on Thursday.

This year's Freedom Day will be observed under the theme 'Working Together to Build Unity and Prosperity for All'.

The national celebration will be held at the Union Buildings followed the 16th National Orders Ceremony, which will take place at the Presidential Guest House.

The national orders are awarded to South Africans as well as friends and associates of South Africa,

both locally and internationally, for extra ordinary contributions to our society.

Cabinet, in noting upcoming Workers Day to be celebrated on 1 May, reiterated the message that it remains committed to ensuring the welfare and conditions of services for workers.

“Since the democratisation of South Africa after April 1994, the country's labour laws were among the first areas of law to be amended,” said Manyi.

Cabinet called on all South Africans in all sectors to participate in the amendment of labour legislation through NEDLAC and parliamentary processes.

“Government remains committed to an outcome that will advance our economy and the dignity and security of our nation.” - BuaNews

SIBE NEMPUMELELO ENKULU ISIGUNGU KWEZOMNOTHO WASEKHAYA E ALBERT LUTHULI

Kubhala Intatheli Yasekhaya



Umasipala wase Albert Luthuli ubukade ubambe isigungu sezomnotho wasekhaya uzama ukudingida udaba lokuthi amabhizinisi amancane angathola kanjani usizo kuze akwazi ukuthuthukisa umphakathi kwakheke imisebenzi. Iphephandaba iKhanyisa ithole loku okulandelayo:

Kubenezibopho ezithile okuthe uma lesisigungu siphela kwavunyelwana ukuthi yizo ezikhinyabeza impumelelo yama bizinisi amancane. Kwase kubhekwa okungenziwa ukuze kugwemeke izingqinamba ezivimba inqubekela phambili.

Akuphelelanga lapho ngoba kuye kwa khishwa uhlelo lwamabhizinisi angaba nesasasa kuHulumende wasekhaya, kwase kuqokwa amabhizinisi amakhulu nezingalo zikaHulumeni okuyizona ezizosiza ekuthuthukiseni umnotho wasekhaya kubanjiswene namabhizinisi asafufusa.

Uphiko lukaHulumeni wasekhaya kulomasipala (Local Economic Development LED) kuzomele kuqhashwe umuntu ozobhekana ngqo nokuphumelela kwalezi zivumelwano nokufundiswa kwabaphathi bamabhizinisi amancane. Okunye okusemqoka wukuthi umasipala kufanele abe nomthetho olawula ukwenziwa kwamabhizinisi amancane (by-laws) ukuze izakhamizi zase Albert Luthuli zikwazi ukukhuthala ngoba ukungabi nomthetho oqinile kwenza abavela emazweni angaphandle bafike bazenzele umathanda kanti no masipala ulahlekelwa yimali ngoba basuke bengakhokhile intela.

Kuthe umakuza kwezebhizinisi elitholakala kuHulumeni (Tenders) kwavunyelwana ukuthi kufuneka amabhizinisi amancane ukuthi anikezelwe ngohlelo lokwenza imisebenzi ethile

nokuyinqinamba enomthelela(Request for Proposals) owenza amabhizinisi amancane angakwazi ukuthola umsebenzi ngoba bengakwazi ukwenza lokho. Kungabancono ukuthi umasipala acacise ukuthi ufuna kwenziweni, abanamakhono bavele ukuze bathole usizo.

Ekuvaleni, kukhuthazwe amabhizinisi amancane ukuthi bangaphili ngomsebenzi kaHulumeni kuphela (tenderpreneurs) kodwa babenomqondo obanzi no julile ukuzidalela amathuba nangaphandle kuka Hulumeni ukuze balondoloze amabhizinisi abo.

Ukuze uthole kabanzi ukuthi ungabandakanyeka kanjani kulamathuba xhumana nomnyango obhekelene nezomnotho wase khaya (LED) kumasipala wase Albethi Luthuli.



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