

**EPHRAIM MOGALE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY MAYOR CLR MY
MMAKOLA WELCOME ADDRESS TO MEC OF EDUCATION SCHOOL
VISIT CAMPAIGN**

VENUE: MABLE HALL

DATE: 21 JUNE 2011

Programme Director

Department of Education : Hon MEC Namane Masemola

Members of the Limpopo Legislature

Members of the Ephraim Mogale Municipality Executive Committees

Honorable Speaker, Chief whip and Councilors

HOD and Municipal Manager

LDE and E Mogale Local Municipality Representatives

Principals, Educators, Learners and Parents

Representatives from various Organised Labour (Unions)

Members of School Governing Bodies (SGBs)

Community Members

Members of the Media

Distinguished Guests, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Dumelang, Lotshani, Gooie more, Good morning Ladies and Gentlemen!

Indeed ladies and gentlemen we are honored today to welcome by the visit of MEC of Education in our municipality, Ephraim Mogale His Hon. Mr Namane Masemola. We view this visit as an encouragement for all of us to recommit to assist our children- learners, mostly the matric of 2011 to perform much better than the class of 2010, as part of government commitment to **Promoting quality education and skills development**. We are aware that this school does not have matric classes this year, but we need to build quality foundation this year to have a better result next year.

We believe that we can achieve this through collective co-operation between the government, learners, educators and parents through the collective leadership of School Governing Bodies.

This remind me of the 8th January statement, ANC President and the State President Jacob Zuma sent a clear message that “ it is non-negotiable that teachers must be on time, in class and teaching for seven hours everyday and we must build a movement for quality education involving learners, teachers and parents”.

Meanwhile we are aware that education is not part of our mandate as local municipalities, communities around sees us as one government and raise with us challenges they face with the educational institutional like this school during our IDP process and we passed them to your Hon MEC’s department.

Ephraim Mogale Local Municipalities continue to intervene were possible in the area of education through provision of computers and uniforms for the needy schools and learners. We do this because the municipality needs skillful workers to deliver services for the betterment of the life of our people. We also offers bursaries to learners who want to continue with their education post matric through our external training bursary scheme.

In conclusion, Hon MEC, on behalves of Ephraim Mogale Local Municipality, I warmly welcome you and you delegations. We are calling on Community take responsibilities of their children’s education by:

- Participating in the school activities of their children
- Provide security to both the learners and educators
- Protect the school properties against vandalisation by hooligans

I thank you.