

BLOUBERG EMBARKS ON BACK -TO -SCHOOL CAMPAIGN

“Education is the most powerful tools which you can use to change the world” (Nelson Mandela). Having been inspired by those words Blouberg Local Municipality Political Management Team (PMT) and members of the Executive Committee (EXCO) led by the Mayor, His Worship; Cllr Maseka Pheedi embarked on a back-to- school campaign to applaud the best performing schools and to motivate the class of 2018 as they start the new academic year. The municipality partnered with various organizations like De Beers Venetia Mine, Hope Givers Foundation, SA Man of the Year 2017 titleholder Kolobe Mamabolo , Extra News Newspaper and Tswelopele Men’s Club to drive as many positive voices as possible and to hand over school shoes, scientific calculators and sanitary towels to learners. A total of 24 schools across six education circuits were visited.

The campaign kicked off in full swing on the first day of the reopening of schools the 17th January at Bakone circuit. The first secondary schools visited were Noko and Mashiane at Cooperspark Village. Noko and Mashiane achieved 99.6% and 100% pass respectively making them the best performing schools across the circuit. Other schools visited from Bakone were Letsheganalokoana at Cracouw where learners obtained 17, 6% and Alpha at Byswater with 55, 0% pass.

From Bochum West Circuit the team visited Kgokonyane Secondary School at Lewaneng Village. Here, the class of 2017 scored 39, 3%. However learners made an undertaking to the Mayor to achieve 100% pass come the final exams. On the other hand, the South African Man of the Year title holder Kolobe Mamabolo encouraged learners to prioritize education. Mamabolo a scientist by profession and a patron of the KOSTA Foundation made an undertaking to the school to award a study bursary fund to one learner who’ll scoop six distinctions at the end of the year.

The poor performing school Makama Secondary School under Maleboho East Circuit at Radimang was not left out. The class of 2017 obtain just 10%pass. This year the school enrolled 36 learners who promised to work harder in order to achieve better results. Education as one of the government’s key priorities.

Delivering words of motivation to various schools the first resident of Blouberg, Mayor Maseka Pheedi’s message was very consistent that; learners will only improve their lives for the better if they acquire education. Mayor Pheedi called on learners to form study groups to assist each other and study harder from the lower grades. He indicated that education is now free and it’s up to the learners grab the opportunity with both hands. He further said the government of the day is doing all within its means to create a better life for all by availing funding for the needy learners to access tertiary education. He advised learners to perform well in their studies order to access the Blouberg Municipality Mayor’s Bursary Fund available for Blouberg deserving learners.

Speaker after speaker during the campaign called on learners to reduce on entertainment and other distractions and focus on their studies. The visit to various schools gave learners message of hope encouraging them to study hard. As the team visited schools they also have sessions with the school management to check their day to day challenges. Some of the common challenges indicated by the school management upon visit to schools included lack of Infrastructure, shortage of staff, dilapidated buildings and furniture.

Mayor Pheedi assured learners and teachers that the Municipality was fully behind them motivating

them to realize their dreams and encouraged them to do their best as the future leaders of the country.

He also indicated that the visit would have positive impact on the schools and would give teachers and learners reassurance that the government took their work very seriously.

Other secondary schools visited Maleboho Central Circuit: Ramokgethi 85 %,(New Jerusalem); Seiphi -75.8 % (Ga-Mochemi); Manoe- 36.7 % (Ga-Kobe); Sekeleka- 35 % (Ditatju) Bochum West Circuit: Madikweng- 88 % (Uitkyk No1); Bodiela 28, 6% (Earlydon); Malotlo-71.4% (Mokumuru),

Maleboho East Circuit:Tema 77.4% (Ga-Mashalane);Dithebele-72.42%(Avon);Makama -10%(Radimang)

Bahananwa Curcuit: Matsela – 90.3 % (Pax); Ntsose – 82.6 % (Edwinsdale); Mmantshako 32.2 % (Esoringa); Mamoduane 16.7 % (Ga-Mashamaite); Raphathla 34.14% (Sefihlampyana)

Vlak Circuit: Selamodi-78.2% (Boslaagte); Mamehlabe74.3 % (Mamehlabe); Mashiane 32.2 % (Leokaneng).



