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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 Mayor His Worship Cllr Maseka Pheedi, the by the Speaker Cllr Maria Thamaga, Chief whip Cllr Billy Choshi and members of the Executive Committee and Management Team led by Municipal Manager, Mr Junias Machaba took part in the back to school campaign in the process congratulating the best performing schools and motivating learners who failed their grade 12 to never succumb to failure but rather raise up and soldier on.

The back to school campaign in Blouberg kicked off in full swing on the first day of reopening of schools on the 15th -17th of January 2020. The team visited best and worst performing school across all education circuits in Blouberg.

The Mayor and his team were impressed with the level of commitment shown by both the teachers and learners at the schools visited.

Giving motivation, Mayor Pheedi applauded well performing class of 2019 for making it to the top despite limited resources. He said the people's quality of life will only improve if people acquire education hence government listed Education as one of its key priorities. Mayor Pheedi said the government is doing all within its means to create a better life for all by availing funding for the needy to access tertiary education. He advices learners to utilize government's National Scheme Financial Aid (NSFAS) and the his bursary fund programme (The Blouberg Mayor's Bursary Fund) to further their studies at the higher institution of learning.

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 schools visited shared their challenges with the Mayor and his team, the challenges indicated by the school management upon visit include; lack of Infrastructure, shortage of staff, dilapidated, buildings, crime, furniture and social problems such as substance abuse, school dropout, and child headed families.

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