



# GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY IS A TOKEN OF APPRECIATION AND CARING FOR PEOPLE

**Nkuri village** - Improving learner performance is the fundamental objective of the department and has been a glue tying all stakeholders and partners in Limpopo Province. Learners of Matsambu Secondary school turned out to be the biggest winners when Limpopo Department of Education MEC Polly Boshielo and MEC for Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements & Traditional Affairs(CoGHSTA) Basikop Makamu handed over eighty (80) tablets to seventy six (76) Grade 12 learners of the school at Nkuri village outside Giyani on the 4 June 2021. The tablets are loaded with Grade 12 subjects' content, including e-books, and will at the same time afford them an opportunity to access internet as they journey towards their academics studies.

The two MEC`s further handed over 20 000L of water tank to assist the school in the storage of water. "The Nkuri community has a great leader in MEC Makamu. When he saw darkness, he brought light. On behalf of educators, SGB and learners, this is a very commendable gesture to donate. It will definitely improve the end of year results," explains Baloyi Bobby, Principal of Matsambu High School.

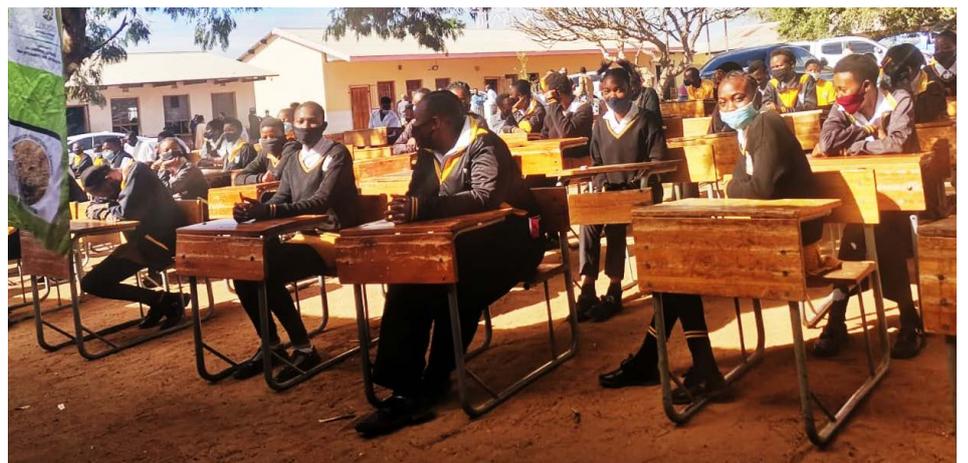
In providing a message of gratitude, MEC Boshielo applauded her colleague in the Executive by ploughing back to his former school. The donation is anticipated to be a torchbearer that will lead learners to a brighter future.

Boshielo urged learners to rise



MEC for Education Polly Boshielo(left) and MEC for Coghsta Basikop Makamu handing over the tablet to a learner at Matsambu High School in Nkuri Village.

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Grade 12 learners of Matsambu High School at Nkuri village, just outside Giyani during the handing over of the tablets and water tanks ceremony Pic:

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above their background. "Your future is brighter, you only have to believe in yourselves and work hard. I assure the people in this community of Nkuri that as the department, the education and future of their children is in good,

hardworking and caring hands. We will do everything in our power not to fail them" said MEC Boshielo.

Story by Ndivhuwo Mukhada

# CHANGING LIFESTYLE BEHAVIOUR CAN HELP PREVENT THE SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS IN OUR SCHOOLS



**Dennilton** - Department of Education in Sekhukhune South District held a candle lighting ceremony to honour people who succumbed to HIV/ Aids pandemic at OR Tambo Secondary school in Dennilton, Moutse area. HIV/Aids poses a significant risk to the attainment of quality basic education in the province and therefore

the ceremony was organised to prioritise prevention among the most at risk groups. It further provided care and support mainly to those infected and or affected in our school environments.

The district is concerned that HIV/ Aids is no longer simply a health concern, but a developmental problem that affects all sectors of

life. They further ensured that schools and education offices have progressive access to information and materials to make informed life choices and protect themselves from this pandemic.

*Story by Selina Molope*



OR Tambo Secondary school Grade 9 learners in attendance during the candle lighting ceremony. Pic: LDoE

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## What are the symptoms of COVID-19?



**Breathing difficulties**



**Common fever**



**Dry cough**



**Sore throat**



**Tiredness**



**Nasal congestion**

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