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Education Department Welcomes the New HoD

By: Hanedzani Mbedzi



The Limpopo department of Education is continuing on a path to pursue the agenda of improving the quality of education and to mobilize the sector stakeholders towards improving learner performance in all schools across the Province. The recent appointment of the Head of Department is another milestone that is set for the upward trajectory that the Department has been boosting in the past 3 years.

MEC for Education, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya welcomed and introduced the new Head of Department, Mr. Maropene Viniel Seshibe and the Deputy Director-General (DDG) for Institutional Governance, Coordination and Support Calvin Molongoana at the departmental Atrium.

In his remarks, HoD Seshibe expressed his gratitude to the MEC and Limpopo Premier, Dr. Phophi Ramathuba for entrusting him with the opportunity to lead the education department. Seshibe also commended MEC Lerule-

Ramakhanya for ensuring that the Department attains an unqualified audit, the first after 8 years "I am quite excited to be joining a department that is on the rise in all aspect. Let us make sure we support our underperforming schools as we aim for a top 5 spot with the Matric Class of 2025," said Seshibe.

The union representative from NEHAWU, Lekgema Mankge also expressed their warm welcome to the new Head of administration. "We wholeheartedly welcome you to the department and look forward to positive impetus in terms of engagements with your office" said Mankge.

PSA representative Nyiko Hatlani also conveyed the Union' support, highlighting the importance of collaboration. "We appreciate your willingness to engage with our team and look forward to working together in a spirit of openness and dialogue. By addressing challenges and fostering workplace harmony, we can build a stronger, more productive environment for all," she said.

In closing, MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya emphasized the department's commitment to transformation under the new leadership.

“On behalf of the Limpopo Department of Education, I warmly welcome our new Head of Department. We look forward to your leadership, guidance and commitment as we continue working together to strengthen education in our province and build a brighter future for our learners. It is our hope that all stakeholders will continue to find and

share innovative and sustainable solutions to help achieve quality education for all learners in the Province” concluded MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

It was a joyous moment for the Head Office workforce who braved the scorching heat and gathered in the Atrium to meet the new Sheriff. The appointment of a permanent Head brings stability to one of the best performing departments in the Province.



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GET TO KNOW HoD SESHIBE

Maropene Viniel Seshibe is a qualified Teacher by Profession with a Vast knowledge and experience in the Education Sector. His teaching career started in the North West where he migrated to shortly after completing his studies at University of the North. It was in the same Province where his career blossomed from being an educator where He got a promotion to be a Deputy Principal. The saying that Sky is the limit resonate well with the new Head of Administration who continued to pursue knowledge through education. His ambitions are evident with numerous qualifications that HoD Seshibe acquired when he was practicing as an educator. Juggling work and studying is never easy but with determination and a sharp focus, He Managed to acquire the following qualifications;

- 1. BA Degree**
- 2. Higher Education Diploma**
- 3. Postgraduate Diploma in Labour Law in 2007 with University of Johannesburg**
- 4. Completed an Executive Development Programme (EDP).**
- 5. Public Administration Leadership and Management Diploma from PALAMA currently known as National School of Government and North West University (Potch campus).**
- 6. Masters Degree in Labour Law (LLM) which he completed in 2014 with Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU).**
- 7. LLB from UNISA.**



Due to his interest in labour issues, he was trained by SADTU on Site Steward Training Programme, Labour Negotiations and Dispute Resolution Process. He was also trained by South African Council for Educators: (SACE) on Ethics and Values in Education as well Education Labour Relations Council (ELRC) Training Course on Labour Negotiations, Dispute Resolution Procedures.

He was seconded to SADTU North West as SADTU Provincial Deputy Secretary in 2002 and again as the Provincial Secretary From 2005 for 2 years.

He was later appointed as the Director Employee and Labour Relations Services from 2007 to 2022. He was then promoted as the Chief Director Examination and Assessment in 2022 until 2025. Due to his expertise and commitment to his work, Mr Seshibe was appointed as the Acting Deputy Director General (DDG) Curriculum Management and Delivery in February 2024. He was further appointed as Acting Head of Department in April 2024 until January 2025. Mr Seshibe was appointed by the Provincial Government as the Head of Department for Limpopo Department of Education effectively from the 01 September 2025.



CAPRICORN SOUTH EDUCATION DISTRICT WINS BIG AT NATIONAL EDUCATION EXCELLENCE AWARDS

By Ndivhuwo Mukhada

On Friday, 29 August 2025, the Department of Basic Education brought together South Africa's education community for the 11th National Education Excellence Awards (NEEAs), held at the Sandton Convention Centre in Johannesburg. Under the inspiring theme "Recognising Excellence in Education" the event shone a spotlight on the incredible work done in schools across the country. Teachers, principals, and district officials were celebrated for their dedication to quality learning and teaching, making it a truly uplifting evening of recognition and pride.

The awards were aimed to shine a light on the vital role that districts play in shaping South Africa's education landscape. They celebrated remarkable achievements and innovative practices that made a real impact in classrooms and communities. Winners were chosen from districts across all nine

provinces, honoring schools, educators, and district teams who went above and beyond to improve the quality of teaching and learning.

Capricorn South Education District, "The District on The Rise" from Limpopo Department of Education scooped the Special Ministerial Award-Grade R Inclusion during this remarkable event.

Ms Tinyiko Nkuzana, District Director for Capricorn South Education District could not contain her excitement. "This award is a testimony to the tireless dedication of our educators, our schools, and our community. We've worked hard to ensure that Grade R learners are not just included but truly embraced in our education system. I'm incredibly proud of what Capricorn South has achieved, we are indeed the district on the rise." Said Nkuzana.

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MEC TALKS WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AND LEADERSHIP IN BREAKFAST SHOWS

By Hanedzani Mbedzi

South African government declared August as a women's month and an annual observance to highlight the contributions of women to events in history. Every year in August women of the country gather in events to celebrate, learn and share the history and achievements of women by showing variety of appreciations to symbolize support for gender equalities.

Celebrations served as a reminder of the power of unity and the fight for equality. From breaking barriers in leadership, education, science and business to championing social justice, women have proven time and again that their impact is unstoppable. Women's month is not just about honouring the past but also shaping a brighter inclusive future.

As part of women's month celebration, Limpopo MEC for Education Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya co-hosted popular breakfast show Vhandilani alongside presenters Terry the "Big Dude" Mudau and Tanganedzani Mbedzi at Phalaphala FM. On the same token, MEC also had the privilege of co-hosting breakfast show

with Hlekani Shikwambana on Capricorn FM. The presenters of the show presented an ample opportunity to listeners to interact with her beyond the office, mixing entertainment while having discussions on education, leadership and women empowerment.

MEC emphasized the importance of women taking up leadership roles in the education sector, saying their presence brings diversity, resilience and fresh perspectives to decision-making. Speaking in an interview, Lerule-Ramakhanya highlighted that empowering women in education leadership not only inspires learners but also ensures inclusive development across schools and communities. "When women lead, they nurture growth and bring balance. The education sector needs that nurturing touch combined with strategic vision," MEC said.

Her appearance on the shows not only entertained but also inspired many listeners conveying her message that women can lead in every space, from classrooms and boardrooms to the radio mic.



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EMERGED WINNERS OF THE NATIONAL TEACHING AWARDS READY TO REPRESENT THE PROVINCE AT NATIONAL LEVEL

By Hanedzani Mbedzi

Education department in Limpopo hosted the National Teaching Awards ceremony at Bolivia lodge to recognize and promote excellence in the teaching profession in schools. The event brought together 138 participants from all 10 Education Districts, with 45 educators receiving top prizes and 93 others awarded vouchers in recognition of their participation.

Fifteen educators who emerged as winners for first position in 15 categories will go on to represent the province at the national stage.

Deputy Principal of Kgahlana Morulana Secondary School in Sekhukhune South Education District, Tshehla Sebetle, who participated in the category of Excellence in Teaching Mathematics in FET for the fifth time, and having previously achieved the second position has now secured the first position.

"I feel great. This is a true reflection of resilience, hard work and never giving up. I promise the province that this achievement was long overdue, and I will give my best at the national level," said Sebetle

This awards celebrate and honour the dedication, excellence, and hard work of educators who play a vital role in improving the quality of education, and it is on that basis that the department raise public image of the teaching profession while also encouraging the best practices and provide a platform for celebrating outstanding work.

Dr. Aaron Nkosi from the Department of Basic Education (Mathematics, Science and Technology), speaking on behalf of adjudicators said it was a prestigious moment to have witnessed the black diamonds that are shining in the province for their hard work, dedication and passion."

MEC for Education Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya appreciated award recipients, saying they are ambassadors of excellence. "Let your light guide others, and let your classrooms become laboratories of innovation. She emphasized that Education department is committed to supporting educators with resources, training and unwavering advocacy to promote and encourage teaching excellence in schools across the province.



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