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MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya Visits Waterval Secondary School to Address Infrastructure Challenges.

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, accompanied by HoD Maropene Seshibe and senior departmental officials, today visited Waterval Secondary School in the Vhembe West Education District to address the school infrastructure challenges and engage with the School Governing Body (SGB).

The visit follows ongoing concerns regarding four classroom blocks that have been declared inhabitable. As a temporary measure, Grade 11 and Grade 12 learners are currently being accommodated at Hlalelani Primary School, while Grades 8, 9 and 10 are being accommodated in six mobile classrooms.

The purpose of the visit was to check the status of affairs following the Department of Labour's decision to decommission some classrooms blocks due to safety concerns. The MEC also engaged with SGB members to provide clarity on the department's plans regarding the school.

During the engagement, MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya addressed concerns relating to the National School Nutrition Programme (NSNP) for learners currently accommodated at Hlalelani Primary School, assuring stakeholders that the department remains committed to ensuring that learners continue to receive the necessary support and services.

The MEC further assured the school community that the department would provide comprehensive responses regarding the infrastructure challenges and the way forward. "The long-term solution is the construction of a new school infrastructure, while the shortest possible period for implementation is estimated at 18 months," said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The MEC explained that the relevant infrastructure structures will conduct a full evaluation of the school and submit a report to the Limpopo Department of Education to allow the project to commence.

“Today, as the department, we are here to begin planning for new school infrastructure and we will ensure that this process is driven by the department. I am here to reinforce our commitment to the learners, educators and the community,” added the MEC.

The Limpopo Department of Education remains committed to creating a safe and conducive learning environment for all learners across the province.

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