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DEPARTMENT OF
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SPEECH DELIVERED BY LIMPOPO EDUCATION MEC MAVHUNGU LERULE RAMAKHANYA AT THE FINAL PUSH EVENT FOR MATRIC 2023 CLASS HELD AT MABALANE SELEKA TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL IN LEPHALALE ON 18 OCTOBER 2023.

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My beautiful candidates in the hall

Members of the Media and everybody following us on social media

Nndi Matsheloni

I am grateful to be in your midst this morning for this very important programme as we continue with the countdown to the start of the final matric examination. Today marks exactly eleven days before you sit for your final exams. We are here today to monitor this particular camp and to encourage you to do well in the next coming few days.

I am standing before you with pride and confidence that you will make Limpopo Proud like the class of 2022 that performed above seventy percent. I am expecting the cohort of 2023 to do much better.

I am saying this with conviction because I know the efforts that we have taken as a department to make sure that you get all the necessary support. As we take stock of our intervention for the year, you will bear with me that the interventions from all sectors and stakeholders are sufficient to see you through. We arranged camps for all the schools in the 141 circuits under the 10 districts. We did not only group you together but also provided the best educators to assist you to catch-up. Shortly after your trial exams, you had spring camps meant for revision. We are here today to give you support as you wrap up activities for the year.

I know and understand what you are currently going through. Anxiety and fear is kicking in as the first day draws closer. We have in many areas provided counselling and psycho-social support through the social workers deployed to the camps. I am here today to tell you my candidates that nothing is impossible. You have not travelled this far to fail. You have demonstrated during the course of the year that you are capable. The final examination does not differ from the class tests, assignments and the trial examination that you wrote and passed very well. There is no need for you to panic, all I am expecting from you is to apply exactly what you were taught since January.

Waterberg District has the lowest number of candidates as compared to the other districts in the Province. We have 3 883 full time candidates registered to sit for matric examinations this year. The low numbers give you an advantage above the rest.

I am touched by the kind of support that your educators, sponsors and stakeholders are giving you just to ensure that you perform to the best of your abilities. Do not take that for granted, they do not expect much, they just want results.

As we move closer to the start of the exams, I also want to indicate that the province has 94 376 fulltime candidates and 35 600 part-time candidates registered for this year. Capricorn South and Vhembe East account for the highest number of candidates preparing for the final exams. The Premier of the Province, Stanely Chupu Mathabatha is very passionate about Education and he has demonstrated his support when the Province was not doing well. The Premier said I must tell you that he is very proud of you and he is looking forward to meeting you in January when we reward the best performers. You have 11 days to prepare for that appointment with the Premier. I am also looking forward to accompanying some of you to Johannesburg to meet Minister Angie Motshekga when She awards the best National performers. Waterberg must be counted amongst the best and I trust you to make it happen.

As I conclude, I want you to take the following tips into consideration. It will help you as you finalize your revision;

- **Stay away from Social media and focus on your studies. You will have enough time to socialize after the exams.**
- **Study in groups so that you can help each other where you are struggling, nobody is perfect.**
- **Ask questions where you are not sure, there is no stupid question.**

- **Don't stress yourself and consume energy drinks and other forms of boosters. Be true to yourself and rely on your natural strength.**
- **Get enough time to rest, sleep when you are tired and wake up on time.**

I believe you will take all what I have just said into serious consideration. On Friday I will be in Vhembe, Makhado for the signing of the pledge. You will also be doing the same this side but it is important that since I am here, I warn you against any form of behaviour that may warrant us to suspend or expel you. I cannot go off the stage without a commitment from my candidates for this year. I want a volunteer to come on stage and give us an assurance that our investment in you was not in vain.

Let me take this opportunity to thank each one of you, the teachers who are residing at the camp with learners, the kitchen staff that make sure that you get nutritious meals, the circuit for your continuous support and lastly the District Director Ms. Madela for all your efforts. We will be monitoring you when the exams start just to ensure that you have all the support you need. The last hurdle is before you, I expect all of you to cross to tertiary level.

I thank you!!

Kea Leboga