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MEC LERULE-RAMAKHANYA LAUNCHES RCL AND DECLARES 2024 THE YEAR OF ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE.

Representative Council of Learners (RCL) is a legally elected council of learners representing all the learners in a school with representatives elected from the eighth grade and higher to form council of learners.

The leadership council at school level is established in terms of Section 11 of South African School Act, Act 84 as amended for learners from grade 8 and higher. The council provides learners with an opportunity to participate in school governance and to participate in appropriate decision making.

Jeremiah Rakgedi, a former RCL President of Limpopo now an LLB student at Wits University, believes that he is today what he is because of what he learned as a member of RCL in high school and Limpopo provincial RCL president; and the support the Department gave them. “Before I was a member of the RCL I was an underperforming learner. Being an active RCL member has today led me to obtaining four distinctions in my Grade 12, and that made me the third best performer at my school.” Rakgedi said.

Two learners from RCL must be selected to serve on the School Governing Body (SGB). The elected learners have voting rights on the SGB elections to be held from 01-31 March 2024. As members of SGB they are listened to and have an opportunity to raise their concerns on behalf of other learners.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya alluded that, as a leader of fellow learners, one should be in a position of understanding the responsibility of always acting in the best interests of learners within their different schools. The MEC furthermore indicated that strengthening the RCL is another strategy that can be deployed to ensure access to quality education through the acceleration of effective governance in schools. "Through proper and structured governance, the improvement of learner performance is certain. What we have learned as leaders is that we must be able to transfer our knowledge to our future young leaders in order to advance sustainable effective governance within the process of the provision of basic education in our province" MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya said.

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