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MEDIA STATEMENT: MEC MASEMOLA CONGRATULATES ST. JOSEFS COMPREHENSIVE FOR STERLING MATRIC RESULTS

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Education MEC, Dickson Namane Masemola has praised the learners and educators at St. Josefs Comprehensive School in Moutse for the 97 percent pass rate they achieved during the 2010 National Senior Certificate examinations.

Masemola, who was accompanied by District Executive Mayor, Mogobo David Magabe and other senior officials from the education department, visited the school primarily to convey both to learners and teachers a word of appreciation on behalf of the provincial government of Limpopo.

St. Josefs Comprehensive High School falls within the category of Prestigious Schools in Limpopo owing to its record of consistently achieving annual matric pass rates of over 70 percent.

Addressing the learners and educators during the school's assembly, Masemola said St. Josefs Comprehensive was one of the schools that contributed to the province' significantly improved pass rate in 2010.

"The provincial past rate has grown by 7 percent from 49 % in 2009 to 58 percent in 2010. We attribute this to the performance of schools such a St. Josefs Comprehensive", Masemola said.

Masemola said it was St. Josefs Comprehensive and other equally performing schools that made it possible for Limpopo to move upwards in 2010 from the category of dysfunctional provinces – provinces that consistently achieve a pass rate of less than 50 percent.

Buoyed by the 2010 NSC results, the provincial government of Limpopo has set a target of 60 % pass rate for the class of 2011. Currently, there's an 11-12 percent gap between the top –six

performing provinces and the bottom-three. To break into the top-six performing provinces, Limpopo will have to push its NSC pass rate upwards from the current 57 to 70 percent.

“My message to you as learners and educators is that we should not rest till we have made it into this coveted top six provinces category. We should meet this target before the end of my current term in 2010. That is the target that we should all work towards.” Masemola said.

Masemola further thanked the District education senior manager and the Moutse Circuit Manager for the 73 percent pass rate achieved by the schools in the Moutse Circuit. He further called on Mayors to keep a close-eye on the district schools and to ensure that all schools are given the necessary support they need.

In his remarks, Mayor Magabe thanked the learners and educators at St. Josefs Comprehensive for making the district proud. Mayor Magabe said his administration will partner with local schools to ensure that no learner was unable to register for tertiary studies simply because they have no source of funding.

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