

MEC MAKAMU SERVES 67 MINUTES ON MANDELA DAY BY DONATING LAPTOPS AND PAINTS TO REFURBISH CALAIS HIGH SCHOOL.



The MEC for CoGHSTA, Mr Basikopo Makamu accompanied by the Mayor of Maruleng Local Municipality, Cllr Tsheko Musolwa and Kgoshi Sekororo handed over laptops as part of observing Mandela Day.

The 2023 International Nelson Mandela Day is celebrated under the theme: "Climate, Food & Solidarity". The 18th of July is annually celebrated as International Mandela Day by the United Nations in honor of the first elected democratic President of South Africa, Nelson Mandela.

The Village of Calais outside Tzaneen in the Maruleng Local Municipality was a hive of activities on Tuesday, 18 July 2023. This is where the MEC for the Department of Co-operative Governance, Human Settlements and Traditional Affairs (CoGHSTA), Mr Basikopo Makamu spent his 67 minutes as a way of celebrating Mandela Day.

The MEC accompanied by the Mayor of Maruleng Local Municipality, Cllr Tsheko Musolwa and Kgoshi Sekororo handed over five laptops, a printer to the school and painted the walls of some of the classrooms. Calais High School was the lowest performing school in both Makhutswe and Lepelle circuits at 32.35% in the academic year 2022.

Motivating the learners, MEC Makamu said: "It is a

singular honor to be with you today, to celebrate a life unlike any other. We are here today to celebrate the birthday of a great leader, Nelson Mandela who was the country's first black president who showed his heroism through selfless and dedicated acts by fighting to bring liberty and justice for his people and risking his life for equality of all. Mandela showed us the power of action, of taking risks on behalf of our ideals. Let's all learn from this icon, a revolutionary and a political leader who is known for leading the transition from apartheid to a multiracial democracy. I want to encourage you to never let where you come from prevent you from achieving your dreams. I urge you to never undermine the role played by education in the society." said Makamu

"It is through education, that doors of prosperity can be opened. I would like to thank the principal, the teachers, SGB members, the parents and all the key stakeholders for all the support you give to the learners", he concluded.

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MEC Makamu took part in painting the school as part of observing Mandela Day.