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Back to school campaign

Lephalale Local Municipality Councillors embarked on a Back to school campaign when the official 2017 schooling term opened on the 11th of January 2017. The aim of the visits was to check the status-co of the schools, the readiness and challenges that each school faces.

The team was divided into four groups which visited schools in Ellisras Circuit, Phalala North and South Circuits. Lephalale Local Municipality Mayor, Moloko Jack Maeko and Education Portfolio Councillor, Francina Mabasa led a team that went to Matshwara , Morakolo, Bahlalerwa Secondary Schools and Tshukudu Primary School all in Shongoane.

Some of the challenges identified were ill-discipline from leaners, lack of participation from parents and SGBs members, shortage of teachers, substance abuse shortage of admin staff, absenteeism.

Addressing the learners of Batlhalerwa Secondary school in Ga-Monyeki, Cllr Francina Mabasa advised that the school should have a code of conduct which leaners should adhere to and also encouraged the learners to focus on their education so that to better their lives in future.

The schools pleaded with the Municipality to make an intervention to liquor outlets owners not to sell alcohol to students, because some of the learners consume alcohol at schools. The Mayor, Cllr Jack Maeko Highlighted the importance of education, adding that leaners must work well with teachers to attain positive results.

“You need to respect your teachers and know why you are coming to school. If you pass well we have the Mayoral bursary that will help you to further your studies, you need to be dedicated and have determination”.

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