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Take your studies serious, says Sebegoe

In an effort to encourage learners to perform with excellence and to assess the schools readiness for the start the new academic year, MEC for Finance, Paul Sebegoe, visited schools in Madikwe where he was deployed for back to school campaign. This was to ensure that learning and teaching takes place on the first day of the schools calendar year and that no time is lost.

Sebegoe shared a word of encouragement with the learners in Thebeyathajwa Secondary School in Koffiekraal and told them that the class of 2013 has raised the bar for them in terms of matric pass rate and they have to ensure that they put everything in their studies to surpass the current provincial pass rate. He encouraged particularly the matriculants to work harder and emulate the 2013 class, which exceeded the target percentage set by the provincial education department. North West is the second best performing province after Free State.

“You are in the spotlight currently and a lot of pressure will be placed on you, from the society at large, family members and the school itself, so start planning now to avoid finding yourselves falling in the trap of being anxious and not able to give much attention to your studies” he said.

Thebeyathajwa Secondary School obtained a pass rate of 92% in 2013, an improvement of 5% pass from 2012. Learners were urged to work hard and achieve a

100% pass rate which can be accomplished with much discipline and dedication from both learners and educators.

He emphasized the importance of prioritizing one's school work in order to start developing your career, "be interested in what you want to achieve and be passionate about your dreams."

He said although North West is predominantly rural, the level of commitment displayed by the class of 2013 showed that you do not necessarily have to be in urban areas to achieve great things.

"Do not find yourself doing things out of compliance reasons, but let it be a matter of passion for learning and wanting to make something of yourself," he said.

"In producing good results at the end of the year, your chances of receiving a bursary to further your studies are much higher, that will result in a much brighter future for yourself. It all starts with you and much dedication." said MEC.

Sebegoe told them that the provincial government will do everything in its power to ensure that 2014 becomes yet another year to be proud of in terms of supporting learners and teachers to produce the best result at the end of the year.

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