

MEC Sebegoe donates school uniform in Koffiekraal

The MEC for Finance Paul Sebegoe yesterday brought smiles and jubilation to learners in three schools in Koffiekraal, a rural village in Moses Kotane municipality when he donated school uniforms and shoes to about 150 needy learners. The donation was the departmental contribution towards the International Mandela Day, which was celebrated recently.

Seventy three learners enrolled with Doornlaagte Combined, 50 at Matiki Mooketsi primary and 25 at Mokgatla primary Schools benefited from the donation. The donations were informed by needs analysis conducted in the three schools.

His first stop was at the Doornlaagte Combined school where he was welcomed by educators and the school governing body.

“We have come to send a message of hope to schools around the area and also to encourage them to continue to work harder in their studies despite the environment they find themselves in. The environment must motivate you to want to excel in all areas,” said Sebegoe. He motivated the learners not look down on themselves simply because they are born in rural areas. He cited an example that all three presidents of the democratic South Africa came from rural villages. He added that nothing is impossible in life.

Sebegoe also told them that the only way they can free themselves from shackles of poverty is by taking their education very serious. He advised particularly girl learners about teenage pregnancy which destroys many a girls’s future.

In his message of gratitude, Buka Cereal, a thirteen year old from Matiki Mooketsi Primary echoed Sebegoe’s message when she said their school is a school of hope and they were very honoured by his visit which will inspire them to work even harder.

“Today is such a great day and we feel honoured that you have visited our beautiful school. We are indeed inspired and given hope and power,” said a Cereal who is in grade 6.

Sebegoe concluded his visit by having lunch with pensioners in the village where he encouraged them to continue playing a role in the socio-economic upliftment of the village. He said there are invaluable lessons and wisdom that the village can draw from them .