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## Sekhukhune matriculants remain worst-performers in Limpopo

The Sekhukhune District Municipality remains the most underperforming district in Limpopo. The region is the worst-performing district with Sekhukhune South and East occupying the bottom positions in the 2021 National Senior Certificate (NSC) results pass rate, falling below the 65% benchmark. During the matric examination results announcement, held at The Ranch in Polokwane on Friday 21 January, Limpopo Education MEC, Polly Boshelo, announced that Sekhukhune South was in position 9 with 54.9% pass rate, while Sekhukhune East occupy the bottom position with a disappointing 48.6% pass rate. Capricorn South emerged as the best-performing district with 73.8%, Mogalakwena came second with 72.0% and Waterberg came third with 71.3% pass rate. Mopani East has joined the list of underperformers, performing below 65% and scoring only 62.1% pass rate. The Limpopo class of 2021 matriculants that achieved a provincial pass rate of 66.7%, which is a decline of 1.5% compared to the class of 2020. However, the province registered one of the highest numbers of 2021 NSC candidates, totaling to 142 160, of which 106 564 were full time and 35 596 were part time students. Out of 106 564 students, 105 101 candidates sat for the 2021 NSC examinations, which is an increase of 33.6% from the 2020 cohort. According to the Education Department, this is the highest enrollment figure that had to contend with under the current Covid-19 conditions. "While we remain concerned about the decline in the 2021 provincial pass rate, our candidates have given a good account of themselves in terms of bachelor and diploma passes,

as compared to the class of 2020. We must point out that out of the 105 101 candidates who sat for the 2021 NSC examination, 28 075 achieved bachelor passes compared to the 22 907 bachelor passes achieved by the Class of 2020, which is an increase of 22.6%," said Boshelo. She said in this regard, Limpopo continues to contribute many candidates who pursue higher education studies in different institutions of higher learning across the country and beyond. "The Diploma passes on the other hand, increased from 18 588 in 2020 to 23 533 in 2021. The Higher Certificate passes have also increased from 12 134 in 2020 to 18 516 in 2021. Altogether, 70 124 candidates have passed the 2021 NSC Examinations as compared to 53 634 candidates who passed the 2020 NSC examinations," announced Boshelo. Furthermore, Boshelo indicated that it was worth mentioning that the class of 2021 achieved a total of 17 751 distinctions in different subjects, which is an increase of 1 707 to what was achieved by the class of 2020. "It is a delight that Limpopo is one of the five provinces that contributed the highest number of distinctions in the country, as announced by Minister Motshekga. In terms of gender breakdown, 11 444 distinctions were achieved by female candidates and 6 307 by males," she said. The MEC informed that zero% schools have been a constant feature of the NSC results in the past 4 to 5 years. "It is important to indicate that we do not have a zero percent public school in 2021 as compared to 2020 where there were seven such schools. This is a step in the right direction and the department shall continue to provide targeted support so that no school

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ever gets a zero percent in their NSC results," committed Boshelo. She highlighted the impact brought by the Covid-19 pandemic as a main contributing factor to the decline of the province's matric pass rate. "This is a group that did not attend school due to Covid-19 restrictions from 18 March 2020 to 31 August 2020 while in Grade 11. When they finally returned to school, they were subjected to rotational attendance, either on alternate days or weeks depending on the circumstances of the school," she said. Boshelo informed that a concerted effort to mobilize resources and expertise to address the impact of Covid-19 on education, is urgently required, not only by government, but by civil society as a whole. "Education is a societal issue and this should include developing long term strategies, to address the needs of education in emergencies such as Covid-19," she said.



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## DA wants Education MEC fired

Following poor performance by the class of 2021 matriculants in Limpopo Province, the Democratic Alliance (DA) is calling for Premier Stanley Mathabatha to relieve Education MEC Polly Boshielo from her duties with immediate effect. According to the official opposition, the clarion call is made in line with Mathabatha's promise where the premier vowed to hold poor performing MECs accountable. Limpopo has achieved the lowest matric pass rate of all the nine provinces at 66.7% and the only province that failed to reach the 70% pass rate. "The 2021 matric results are a 1.5 percentage point decline from the 2020 results and follow a pattern of regression in the province's performance," said the party's Acting Spokesperson for Education in the province Risham Maharaj. According to Maharaj, Limpopo also had a worrisome dropping bachelor pass percentage of all the provinces with only 26.7% of learners, achieving that level. "The bachelor pass rate dropped from 29,1% in 2020 to 26,7% in 2021, while the pass rate amongst progressed learners regressed from 35.6% in 2020 to 32.9% in 2021. Of the ten worst performing districts in the country, six of them are in Limpopo. Moreover, about 137 schools failed to achieve a 40% pass rate," explained Maharaj. He informed that the party is

further concerned by the large discrepancy in performance between learners in fee paying schools, as opposed to no fee paying schools with 89.1% of fee paying learners passed, with 55,5% achieving bachelor passes, while only 64.7% of no fee paying learners passed and only 24% achieved bachelor passes. "From the poor showing in the matric exams, it is clear that the Limpopo Department of Education must ensure that the funding model for no fee schools needs to be revisited and an increase in funds is needed to ensure improved performance," he said. Maharaj said the DA sees a need for government to offer more support to districts in the province and improve monitoring and evaluation of the circuit and district offices throughout the year. "This includes among other more support to progressed learners to better prepare them for the exams, increase support to all learners during the Covid-19 period, ensure suitably qualified educators and address other challenges that contribute to poor exam performance such as scholar transport, the school nutrition programme and infrastructure issues in our schools," Maharaj said. According to Maharaj, Premier Mathabatha indicated in the past that the service delivery agreements would be based on an outcomes based approach and would hold MECs accountable to

measurable and achievable targets. "He must replace MEC Boshielo after continuous poor matric results in the province. The DA believes our learners in the province deserve more support and a better quality of education than they are currently getting. We are committed to ending the continued downward trajectory of our education system in Limpopo," he said.

## Department of Education supports LJM after false racial allegations

Black parents who are not happy after their children were not admitted at Laerskool Julian Muller in Groblersdal, staged a picketing outside the primary school premises on Tuesday 25 January. Lead by the Bolsheviks Party of South Africa (BPSA), the parents alleged that their children were denied admission and urged to use a waiting list, whereas, children from their white counterparts are admitted immediately. Picket Convenor, Mzwandile Bolotini, said the matter came to their attention following numerous complaints by unhappy parents who were told to make use of a waiting list for their children to be admitted in the school. "Surprisingly, white parents who went to the same school to register their children were not told about the waiting list and their children were admitted immediately," he said. Bolotini added that the matter was escalated to the circuit and the provincial level wherein, no necessary steps were taken. "This is the reason we are staging a picket to raise our concerns because the circuit failed us. We are fighting for the rights of the children and only demand the school to treat parents the same way," he said. Bolotini said for the children not being admitted is against the policy and guidelines of the Department of Education. "We are now making a clarion call to the National Department of Education to intervene because the circuit and the MEC for Education failed to address the matter," he said. Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, Tidimalo Chuene, slammed the claims, saying the allegations of racism at the school are untrue and frowned upon by the department. "The issue here is that Julian Muller, as a primary school and Ben Viljoen as secondary school, are the only Afrikaans & English Medium Public Schools, in the area. Afrikaans speaking learners in town and surrounding farms are relying only on these schools and are doing Afrikaans only, which means they don't have alternative schools. When admission is conducted at the level of the school, consideration is made to admit both Afrikaans and English learners in terms of available space. The English space is always a challenge as there is more demand as a nearby school for residents and school choice for most parents preferring English medium," she said. Chuene said after admission has been concluded at the schools, the circuit and the district come in to deal with those still not admitted. "The first category are those that are residing in town, those with siblings in the school etcetera. We have been doing this for years without major challenges but currently, due to unprecedented settlement growth, we start to experience challenges," explained Chuene. She emphasized that in terms of their approach to this matter, they advise parents to go to circuit offices where placements are made to schools where there is still space available. "We communicate with parents on the waiting list through WhatsApp because we have their details as they have contained in the applications. We remain committed to placing learners in available schools and are pushing to have this process concluded as soon as possible," Chuene said.

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## Help needed to find missing woman

The Police in Hlogotlou outside Groblersdal need the public assistance to locate the whereabouts of a missing 31-year-old woman, Xolile Zandile Masuku. The victim, from Kgaphamadi Village in Mareleng Section, allegedly went missing on Monday 17 January 2022, after she left her business premises at Thembinkosi Bar Lounge, going to Groblersdal Town and she was never seen since. The victim was reportedly last seen by her employee in the early hours while wearing a red T-shirt, blue sneakers and blue track pants," said Warrant Officer Marobo Seabela, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Seabela said police search operation was conducted at relatives and surrounding areas but were not successful. "Anyone with information that can assist to locate the whereabouts of the missing woman should contact the Investigating Officer, Warrant Officer Madihlabi on 072843 6592, the crime stop line on 08600 10111, the nearest police station or to make use of the MySAP-App," concluded Seabela.



**The police in Hlogotlou appeal to the public to assist in locating the whereabouts of the missing Xolile Zandile Masuku (31).**

## Over 2000 arrested during heightened police joint operations

The Motetema Police have arrested six suspects, aged between 25 and 48, for conspiracy to commit crime, possession of unlicensed firearm and ammunition, attempted murder and possession of housebreaking equipment. Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson, said the suspects were arrested recently at Leeuwfontein during the police operations conducted across the province. "During the arrests, the police recovered a 9mm pistol with 3 live ammunition, cartridges of Ak47 rifle, SANDF uniform balaclava, hand-glove, angle-grinders, other breaking-in equipment as well as three vehicles which were allegedly used by the suspects," he said. Mojapelo said in another incident, the intelligence driven operation conducted by the Mopani District Tracing Team and Giyani Crime Intelligence unit, led to the arrest of four suspects, aged between 18 and 22, for an alleged business robbery that was earlier committed at Mapuve Village under Giyani Policing area. "The police has during the operation recovered three unlicensed firearms, two empty magazines, two Silver Norinco pistols with magazines, four live ammunition and one cartridge believed to be used in the commission of the crime. The suspects were also found in possession of suspected stolen properties that included groceries, Samsung Plasma TV and LG music system," he said. Mojapelo said in another success, the police in Mankweng have arrested a most wanted suspect, Tshepo Steven Botabota (28), who was allegedly terrorising communities in the area. "He was arrested in Germiston, Gauteng Province and was brought to Mankweng where he was positively linked with several cases of house robbery, theft out of motor vehicles, murder and robbery with a firearm. The crimes were allegedly committed between April and June 2021. He will appear before the Mankweng Magistrate's Court soon," he said. Mojapelo said 2534 suspects, aged between 19 and 47, were arrested during the operations for crimes ranging from murder, robberies, carjacking, possession of unlawful firearms, possession and dealing in drugs, theft, illegal immigration, possession of suspected stolen properties, assault to illegal trading in liquor. "During the operations, the police confiscated a total of 90 735 sticks of illicit cigarettes, 16 dangerous weapons, 13 367 grams of dagga, 20 grams of cocaine, 18 grams of Nyaope, 13 firearms, 377 308ml of liquor, 37 knives, 5 stolen vehicles," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has applauded all the members who participated in the operations for their determination to rid the province of any form of criminality. Hadebe has also thanked community members for their endless efforts in assisting the police to fight against crime. The police said the operations are still continuing throughout the province.

## Seventy-two hour activation hunt after mob justice killings

The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Limpopo, Lieutenant General Thembi Hadebe, has ordered the implementation of a 72 hours activation plan to hunt down the suspects who brutally killed three men, during a mob justice incident that took place at Ga-Maila a Mapitsana Village under the Sekhukhune Policing area on Monday 24 January. According to the police, community members in the village allegedly kidnapped four men, who they were accusing of stock theft just after midnight. "After the kidnapping incident, the mob started assaulting three of the victims, using an assortment of hard objects. The trio died at the scene and the fourth victim managed to escape from the mob unhurt," said Brigadier Motlafela Mojapelo, Limpopo Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mojapelo said the deceased were identified as Jikisa Phokane (50), Kweni Makwana (70) and Sedibana Makwana whose age is not yet determined. Commissioner Hadebe said a team of investigators has already been assembled and all the relevant resources and the neighbouring police stations in the Sekhukhune District have been activated to assist in the hunt. "These acts of vigilantism and lawlessness will not be tolerated and the police will not rest until all the perpetrators are brought to book," Hadebe said. The police appeal to anyone with information that may lead to the arrest of the suspects involved in the incident to contact Colonel Mahlathini Ngele on 082 573 3645, the crime stop number 0860010111, make use of MySAPApp or to contact the nearest police.

## Suspect nabbed as drugs and police uniform were confiscated

The police in Mametlhake outside Siyabuswa arrested a 35-year-old suspect, Peter Tsietso Legodi, in connection with possession of drugs, illicit cigarettes and police uniform. The suspect was arrested when the police, together with

the Pankop community safety and traditional forum, promptly responded to information about a suspect, allegedly dealing in drugs around the Pankop area on Wednesday 19 January. "A search and seizure operation was subsequently executed on the premises where dagga, nyaope, counterfeit cigarettes, a Metro Police reflector jacket and cash were found hidden inside the wardrobe in the storeroom. The suspect was immediately arrested after the discovery," said Brigadier Selvy Mohlala, Mpumalanga Provincial Police Spokesperson. Mohlala said during the arrest, the police confiscated 940 pinches of nyaope wrapped in brown plastic, 10 crystal rocks in clear plastic bags, 9 crystal meth in clear plastic bags, 7 packets of pacific blue counterfeit cigarettes, a yellow and orange metro police reflector jacket, LD re-closable bags and an undisclosed amount of money. "The drugs were confiscated for further investigation. The Suspect appeared before the Mbibana Magistrate's Court on Thursday 20 January and will appear again on 11 February 2022 for formal bail application," he said. The Provincial Commissioner of the Police in Mpumalanga, Lieutenant General Semakaleng Manamela, has appreciated the community in ensuring that they participate in assisting the police to make the arrest. "This is what I always preach that the community can assist the police in their respective areas. This is the only way we can win the fight against crime. Drugs are killing our children and we must fight that," said Manamela.

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# Parents outrage over delayed school building construction



**Pupils at Dikgalaopeng Primary School were left vulnerable on schools reopening day after their classrooms were blown away by heavy winds in December.**

## Premier monitors readiness at Sekhukhune schools

The Premier of Limpopo Province, Stanley Mathabatha, has recently conducted a school readiness visit at various schools in Sekhukhune. Mathabatha, accompanied by MEC for Education Department Polly Boshie, together with representatives from Sekhukhune District Municipality as well as the Mayor of Makhuduthamaga Local Municipality Cllr Minah Bahula, kick-started the programme at Ngwanatshwane Secondary School and Kgaladi Primary School in Mamone outside Jane Furse. The purpose of the visit was to monitor readiness of both schools ahead of the 2022 academic year. The entourage also paid homage to ensure that the two schools sustain good performance they have always achieved in the previous academic years. Ngwanatshwane Secondary School improved from 42% in 2016 to 99% in 2020. Premier Mathabatha proceeded with the programme to visit Kgothala Secondary School and Ekucathuleni Primary School at Elandsdoornin Dennilton. The premier was joined by Sekhukhune District Municipality representative Cllr Jan Mohlala and Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor Cllr David Tladi. During the visit, Limpopo Department of Education Sekhukhune South District Manager, Tseke Nkadimeng and the principals of both schools, briefed the political leadership on the readiness and challenges faced by the schools to execute their educational mandate. Kgothala Secondary School achieved 97% in 2020 from 21% in 2016. The school principal informed that they are aiming to continue being on the rise and achieve even more positive results in future.



**Premier of Limpopo Province, Stanley Mathabatha, during his visit to Sekhukhune based schools to monitor readiness.**

Parents of pupils attending school at Dikgalaopeng Primary in Dikgalaopeng Village, Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality, say they demand the Education Department to construct a new school building they were promised more than two decades ago. The existing school was built in 1968 through parents and community contributions and currently admitting over 350 learners from Grade 1 to 7. According to parents, no proper structure was constructed by the government since the school was established 54 years ago. Parents claim the school's infrastructure is very old and in a state of dilapidating, with visible cracks all over the walls. To make the matters worse, two blocks in the school building, were blown away by heavy winds in December 2021, subjecting the pupils to take their lessons under trees. Following the unfortunate incident, the Department of Education promised to provide mobile classrooms as a temporary measure. However, the classrooms were not delivered during schools reopening day. This angered parents and community members, who mobilised and decided to shut-down the school. The group converged at the school's entrance every morning, turning the learners away before they enter the school premises. The aggrieved parents vowed to suspend the classes until the mobile classrooms were provided. "We decided to suspend the classes at the school because the building is falling apart and posing risk to our children. The classes will not resume until the department provides mobile classes as they have promised," said a parent, Florence Phala. Phala said nothing is happening, we are still in vain waiting for the school infrastructure to be constructed. The village is expanding and we are worried about the increasing number of learners enrolling at the school every year. Our main concern is safety of our children who are urged to take their lessons under dangerous circumstances of a collapsing building," she said. Tidimalo Chuene, Limpopo Department of Education Spokesperson, said they are aware of the conditions at Dikgalaopeng Primary and their department provided mobile classrooms a week after schools reopening day. Chuene said Dikgalaopeng Primary is on the district infrastructure approved priority list released by Limpopo Department of Education in July 2020. "The scope of work covers 21 seats envirolloos, demolishing and construction of ten classrooms, with an added septic tank and other accessories," she said.

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# Sewer spillage is becoming a health problem for Dennilton residents

Community members residing besides Philadelphia Hospital in Dennilton are concerned about the raw sewage that is flooding the roads and into their yards, caused by the burst main-pipeline. Residents claim the condition causes unbearable stench and a serious health hazard to the community. According to residents, poor maintenance by Sekhukhune District Municipality appears to be the root cause of the spillage that has been experienced for more than two weeks. After the burst sewer pipe was reported, the municipality came and could not establish the root cause of the problem, leaving open trenches without fixing the main sewer pipeline. Residents say the spillage is now becoming worse where raw sewer is flowing into the neighbouring village and Paledi Primary School, posing a serious health risk to learners, school's staff members and the public. Community leader, Ali Maloba, said the sewer infrastructure is very old and the sewer plant is no longer functioning properly. "The sewer problem has been experienced for the past five years. We made engagements with Sekhukhune District Municipality, pleading with them to fix

the problem. We were promised that the matter will be fixed soon and that never happened. We are worried that residents, school children and staff members who are working at Philadelphia Hospital and Dennilton Police Station are badly affected on daily basis," he said. According to Maloba, when the sewer plant was designed, it was meant only to cater Philadelphia Hospital waste. "The problem attributed when service providers who drain VIP toilets in the villages dump the waste in the same plant, resulting in the overflowing and spillage. It is becoming worse now because of persistent rain," he said. Moloko Moloto, Sekhukhune District Municipality Spokesperson, said the district municipality has appointed a service provider who is currently attending to the matter. "The service provider is among other things, fixing the technical problem and cleaning up the affected yards. Once again, we would like to sincerely apologize to the affected residents," he said.

**The open trench that was left unattended by Sekhukhune District Municipality after the main sewer pipeline burst in front of Philadelphia Hospital.**



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## SARTHO unleash massive vaccination drive



South African Religious and Traditional Healers Organization (SARTHO), has engaged in a process of using their basic traditional health care workshops as a platform to get more people in rural areas vaccinated. The body has already started with the drive in various villages of Sekhukhune with the assistance of the Department of Health. SARTHO Limpopo Provincial Coordinator, Dr George Marule Jr, said they are aware of the myths and negative stigma surrounding vaccination in the communities. "We have already had discussions with our traditional health practitioners and they are aware that it is their responsibility to assist government in their drive to get more people vaccinated. As traditional health practitioners, we have an obligation to our respective communities and I believe encouraging people, especially the elderly in rural areas, can help in the fight against Covid-19 and its related illnesses," he said. SARTHO Relations Officer, Jeffrey Walker, said they are aware that some traditional healers, especially those who operate illegally, are stopping patients from taking their chronic illness medication and such actions lead to some people losing their lives. "We would like to make those traditional healers aware that SARTHO will institute criminal charges against them if they are reported by patients," he said. Dr Tshoshane Kgomo, SARTHO Healthcare Promoter, urged their members to abide by the rules set out by government in line with nationwide lockdown alert level 1 to avoid the rapid spread of the virus.

## Fun Walk against GBVF

In a bid to curb prevalence acts of Gender Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) in their communities, a group of young people from Nyakelang Section in Tafelkop Village, organized a Fun Walk sporting event, an awareness aiming at fighting GBVF and children abuse in the village. More than 30 young people from Tafelkop Village partook in the 8km fun walk annual awareness campaign, which started at the Dihlabakela main road early in the morning. Awareness organizer, Thabo Pookgoadi, said they have come together with some concerned community members with a sporting idea to contribute in the fight against GBVF. "We are concerned about the increasing number of GBVF in other parts of our village and this is the reason we came together as a group to formulate this fun walk programme, which we believe it will help to condemn acts of GBVF in our communities," he said. Pookgoadi added that before the fun walk programme, the group was making use of social media dialogues to spread their message, wherein, people would be participating actively against GBV at their respective spaces. "We are confident that the initiative will contribute towards building and individual's mental wellbeing, male participants in particular so that they will find their purpose and refrain from committing abuse and start protecting women and children. The other benefits of the programme is fitness and good health development including weight loss to the participants," he said. Pookgoadi

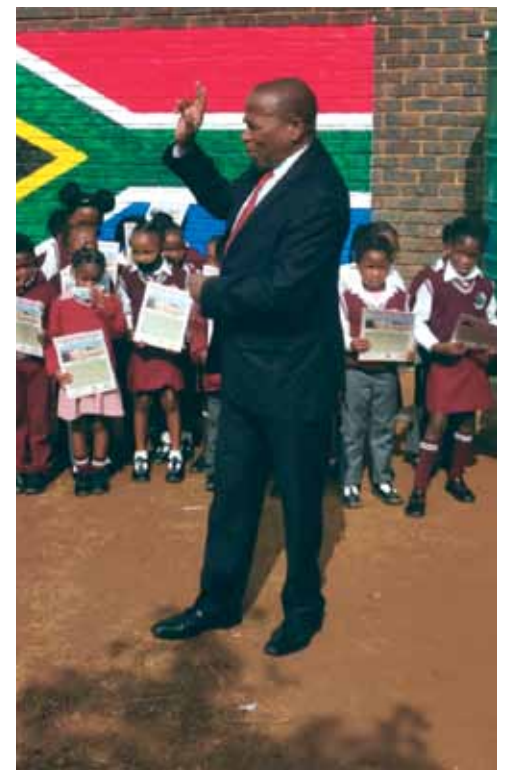


Community members taking part in the Fun Walk initiative organized to raise awareness against GBVF in Tafelkop Village.

said the initiative was organized without any sponsors and no prizes were given after the fun walk activity. "One of the things we want to achieve is to see our message being conveyed and spread to as many people as possible without gaining anything in return. The main aim is to build the community and end toxic acts of abuse and gruesome murders that involve women and children as victims," he said.

## Moilanong Matsepe Primary School holds Open Day

Moilanong Matsepe Primary School in Tafelkop Village has on Wednesday 19 January held its annual school Open Day, which was aimed at reflecting on the previous year and implement improvements where necessary. The open day is part of the school's annual calendar and this year, was supported by Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu II, Elias Motsaedi Ward 28 Councillor Patrick Tladi, parents and community members who motivated learners. Delivering a message of support to learners and teachers, Rammupudu highlighted that education is an important tool that will shape a bright future to children. "Education is very important at an early stage of a child, which is why parents and community must support institutions of learning, especially Early Child Development, which will shape children well-being and boost their confidence to become responsible members in the community," he said. Rammupudu called for community support to improve the performance of pupils, particularly those who are in Grade 12 following unsatisfactory results of the 2021 matric across Limpopo Province. "It is important to adhere to Covid-19 health regulations so that we may not experience unnecessary breaks that seems to hinder the good culture of teaching and learning that contributes to poor performance in our schools," he said. Moilanong Primary educator, Merriam Mohlala, acknowledged the support by traditional leadership, the council and community and said their visit will set a positive tone towards the school's performance in the 2022 academic year. "We are truly honored to see Kgoshi Rammupudu and our newly elected Councillor Patrick Tladi sharing with us this special day in our calendar. Their presence is an assurance that we are alone in this education journey," she said. Chairperson of Bana Ba Sekhukhune Community Solutions, Jeffrey Walker, said the organization has committed to an educational programme that will offer voluntary services to schools and community around Tafelkop Village. "It is disappointing that I have seen incidents where teachers are confronted or disrespected by some parents in front of the school premises and realized that educators lack parental and community support. This is the reason we see a need to unleashing the school support programme, focusing on establishing a good partnership between teachers, learners, parents and the community at large," he said.



Kgoshi Boleu Rammupudu II, addressing the attendees during Open Day event held at Moilanong Matsepe Primary School in Tafelkop.



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# Sekhukhune United unveils new signees

Sekhukhune United Football Club has acquired the signatures of striker Justin Shonga from Egyptian side Ismaily SC, mid-fielder Evans Rusike from SuperSport United FC and defender Lucky-Boy Mokoena from TS Galaxy FC. The club has announced the signings of the trio during the current FIFA window period that is closing at the end of January month. Born in Chipata, Zambia on 5 November 1996, Shonga (25) spent the last four years playing in South Africa for Orlando Pirates FC, Tshakhuma TshaMadzivhandila FC and Cape Town City FC respectively. "It's a good feeling to be back in the Premier Soccer League because in South Africa I feel at home.

The environment in Egypt is not good for football. I have been here for years and for me is a good feeling to be back," he said. Shonga said his intentions is to help the team to keep going and get maximum points in the current league campaign. "Being part of the team will help me grow in terms of football. Whatever comes my way I will have to help the team to win more games and probably to finish in the top eight of the league. However, I will work hard to get my form back so that I can contribute immensely to the team's success," he said. Evans Rusike, the 31-year-old Zimbabwean international player, was born in Chitungwiza. He started his career

in 2010 with Kiglon before moving to Zimbabwe Saints in 2012. "The technical team is quite different from that of SuperSport but I will adapt to the situation as a football player," he said. Rusike said his focus is now based on gaining fitness so that he can be confident when the Premier Soccer League resumes. "The important part is that I will have to focus on creating and scoring goals for the team in the current league campaign," he said. Rusike revealed that he is looking forward to the exciting season and will do his best to ensure that Babina Noko stays where it belongs. He said he is excited to be part of Babina Noko family, however, he is going to work hard to maintain the good image of the team (Club). Lucky-Boy Mokoena (28), Born in Koppies, Mpumalanga on 12 December 1993, started his youth football career with Mpumalanga Black Aces, Kaizer Chiefs and Bidvest Wits, before playing senior football for Chippa United, Ubuntu Cape Town, Real Kings, Highlands Park and TS Galaxy. Mokoena played for South Africa (Amajita) in 2019. Mokoena said that he would like to thank Sekhukhune United technical team and management to be part of Babina Noko family. He also indicated that he will work hard to contribute to the team's success and his aim with the team is to win some silverwares.



*Sekhukhune United new signee, Justin Shonga, says he is happy to return to the PSL after spending half of the previous football season in Egypt.*



*Lucky-Boy Mokoena says he is happy to be a part of Babina-Noko family and will be working tirelessly to contribute towards positive results for his new team.*

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