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MEC REFILWE MTSHWENI TAKES ACTION ON MANDELA MONTH

Two schools in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality have been given a major make-over following an intervention by MEC for Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs (COGTA) in Mpumalanga, Ms Refilwe Mtshweni. A kitchen was renovated for the Tshwenyane Combined School in Mhluzi whilst doors and windows were fixed at the Beestepan Combined School in Arnot. MEC Mtshweni mobilized resources for the two schools to be assisted as part of the department's Mandela Day.

The construction of the kitchen followed the donation of computers and construction of an assembly shelter for the Tshwenyane school whilst two computers were further donated to the Beestepan Farm School. MEC Mtshweni said the support given to the two schools is in line with Madiba's spirit of ensuring that all learners obtain quality education. "I am here to report progress of the commitment I made when I visited you. The computers have been delivered. The kitchen has been renovated. Now is your turn to make us proud by passing your exams for the school to achieve a hundred percent pass rate," MEC Mtshweni said, when addressing learners at the Tshwenyane Combined School.

MEC Mtshweni also donated school uniforms to needy learners. She said the donation is in line with Madiba's gesture of giving. "Mandela taught us that the poverty of my neighbour is my problem. It is in this spirit that we are donating these uniform to the learners," she said. MEC Mtshweni identified the needs of the schools during a 'Back to School Campaign' in January.

The Mandela Day included the donation of food parcels to needy families and cleaning of water streams in Mathole Park in Mhluzi and Kees Taaljaard Park in Middleburg. MEC Mtshweni was accompanied by local councillors, officials of the department and Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

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