

ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STEVE TSHWETE, CLLR MIKE MASINA DURING THE ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS AWARDS HELD AT THE BANQUET HALL ON THE 04/02/2013

THANK YOU PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

CIRCUIT CO-ORDINATOR: MS. K.C MASANGO  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS: MR. ADONIS & MR. TONGA  
SPONSORS: ANGLO AMERICAN  
HEAD MASTERS, TEACHERS AND SGB'S  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
LADIES & GENTLEMEN

I BRING THE WARMEST GREETINGS OF OUR MUNICIPALITY TO EVERYBODY GATHERED HERE IN THIS IMPORTANT OCCASION.

TODAY'S EVENT IS THE 4<sup>TH</sup> CELEBRATION I HAVE ATTENDED IN CELEBRATION OF EDUCATION OR GOOD PERFORMANCE OF OUR LEARNERS. I MUST SAY PROGRAMME DIRECTOR THAT IT IS PLEASING TO SEE EDUCATION ELEVATED TO THE REQUIRED LEVEL.

I AM SAYING THAT BECAUSE, TO BENEFIT FROM THE POLITICAL FREEDOM WE NOW HAVE, WE NEED EDUCATION MORE THAN ANYTHING THAT IS THE KEY SOLUTION TO THE CHALLENGES FACING OUR COMMUNITIES TODAY WHICH IS,

- POVERTY,
- UNEMPLOYMENT AND
- INEQUALITY.

AS A MUNICIPALITY WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO HAVE HOSTED THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE 2012 GRADE 12 RESULTS BY THE HONORABLE MEC OF EDUCATION, MS R. MAULE AT PIENAARS DAM WHICH WAS FOLLOWED BY THE MAYORAL ACADEMIC AWARDS AT THE RIVER SIDE ESTATE.

ON BOTH EVENTS I STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION BY QUOTING THE INSPIRATIONAL WORDS OF OUR FIRST DEMOCRATICALLY ELECTED PRESIDENT, DR NELSON MANDELA "**EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD**".

THE RECENTLY HELD ANC CONFERENCE IN MANGAUNG RESOLVED THAT, TO QUALIFY FOR A LEADERSHIP POSITION APART FROM STRUGGLE CREDENTIALS, EDUCATION SHOULD BE HIGHLY CONSIDERED BECAUSE LEADERS OF THE ANC ARE EXPECTED TO LEAD SOCIETY.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR I BELIEVE THAT THIS HOUSE WILL AGREE WITH ME THAT EDUCATION IS NOW OCCUPYING A CENTRE STAGE IN THE COUNTRY'S AGENDA; WE ALL MUST TAKE IT (EDUCATION) SERIOUSLY.

IN CONCLUSION, LET ME REITERATE THE WARNING I SELDOM LEAVE OUT IN MOST OF MY SPEECHES, PERHAPS IS NOW ONE OF MY ORIGINAL QUOTES.

***“A LEADER WHO TAKES PODIUM, SPEAK LONG AND SAY NOTHING ABOUT EDUCATION, BE CAREFUL OF SUCH A PERSON, HE IS NOT A LEADER BUT A DECEIVER”.***

LET ME CONGRATULATE THIS CIRCUIT FOR SUCH A GOOD INITIATIVE TO ORGANIZE THIS IMPORTANT EVENT I BELIEVE IT IS IN THE SPIRIT OF “MAKING EDUCATION EVERYBODY’S BUSINESS”.

I THANK YOU!