

**WELCOMING ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STEVE TSHWETE, CLLR MIKE MASINA DURING THE OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF MATRIC RESULT FOR MPUMALANGA PROVINCE AT THE PIENAARS DAM ON THE 03/01/2013**

THANK YOU PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

THE HONOURABLE PREMIER OF MPUMALANGA PROVINCE: MR DD MABUZA  
THE HONOURABLE MEC FOR EDUCATION: MS R. MHAULE  
HOD FROM THE PROVINCIAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION:  
CIRCUIT MANAGERS  
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS  
LADIES & GENTLEMEN

I bring the warm greetings of our Municipality to everybody gathered here in this important occasion, the official announcement of the 2012 Grade 12 results. It is indeed an important occasion considering the role Education is playing in transforming our society like Dr Nelson Mandela said *“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world”*

As a Municipality we are delighted to have been chosen as a hosting town for this event, I must commend your choice of venue, I am saying that because as a municipality we have identified education as a weapon we should sharpen to use to address the triple challenges facing our community today.

In responding to that we have convened a successful education summit, bringing together all relevant stakeholders under the theme “make education everybody’s business” to identify the challenges facing our schools and we pledged our undivided support.

Only if our Youth could respond to our call to take Education seriously we could fulfill our aspiration of becoming the brain (skills) reservoir of the Province.

Programme Director the local grade 12 class of 2011 made us proud by contributing positively to the Impressive Provincial Pass Rate in that two of the learners from local schools made it to the Provincial Top 10 of top achievers.

We are therefore coming to this event with more confidence that the standard can only improve than regressing. I believe the 2012 results that the MEC Mhaule is about to announce will only confirm that.

With this few words I would like to welcome all of you to Steve Tshwete Local Municipality, Ikhaya Lensimbi, the proud recipients of Clean Audit, the home of talent and beauty.

Programme Director, perhaps I should remind you that the current reigning Miss Mpumalanga; Lungile Lubambo is from here, Happy Jelle of Orlando Pirates and Charles Phasha (speedy) of Zone 14 are amongst the many local stars of Steve Tshwete5502100.

Thank you for gracing our shores.

I wish all the best to the Class of 2012, as they progress to tertiary institution.

THANK YOU!!!