

## **WELCOME ADDRESS BY MAYOR MABENGU TO THE HANDOVER OF SCHOOL UNIFORM ON 17 FEBRUARY 2009**

Programme Director  
Honorable Councillors  
District Manager – Department of Education  
School Managers  
School Governing Bodies  
Parents  
Learners  
Ladies and Gentlemen

We have often said that education is a fundamental right in terms of our constitution. Prompted by this reality we have over the years sought to make a contribution towards the education of our children particularly those from poor families.

It is for this reason that we are handing over these uniforms to those learners as a humble contribution towards the culture of learning and teaching.

As far back as 1955, our forebears assembled at Kliptown where they declared that “The doors of learning and culture shall be opened.” We are getting disturbed to note that our province continues to perform badly in Matric results. It is high time that we should roll up our selves all of us as parents, learners and educators.

Since the start of this project we have spent more than R200 000.00 in assisting these children. Last year I hosted the Christmas Party in honour of the elderly which was followed by the Christmas Presents I gave to the admitted children in the 2 hospitals.

We did all this for purposes of assisting our communities in whatever way we can.

With those few words I thank you!!