

MAYOR'S SPEECH DELIVERED BY THE HONOURABLE MAYOR COUNCILLOR ZUKISWA NDEVU DURING THE BACK-TO-SCHOOL CAMPAIGN HELD AT MAKAULA SSS IN KWABHACA ON THE 7TH APRIL 2022.

Programme Director

MEC Department of Education, Hon Fundile Gade

Speaker

Executive Committee Members

Councillors

Makaula SSS Principal and Educators

Government Officials present

Learners and fellow Residents

Ladies and Gentlemen

Ndiyanibulisa ngegama le ntuthukho kunye negama leNkosi yethu uYesu Krestu, Amen.

Today marks another milestone in the plight towards fair and equal education for all. A plight that signifies the true essence of democratic change and a prudent commitment towards the restoration of dignity and uniformity across all schools within Umzimvubu. Education remains the cornerstone of our democracy and we ought to condone a fashionable stance on it.

MEC; Your visit here today is not a mere surprise but a constitutional obligation towards our disadvantaged communities. The ICT equipment to be handed over is the start of a new revolution as we heed the call of the 4th industrial revolution. We are fortunate enough to be remembered during this period as we are set to resume our normal school routine, amidst the end of the national state of disaster.



Programme Director; allow me stress that learning is a life-long process. Young people must therefore use this opportunity to reflect on their background and use it as their weapon for valued success.

As the saying goes, no one can tell when an opportunity comes but only those who are well equipped can make the best of it. The Back-to-School campaign is a key component of our education system in the Eastern Cape Province, and we have witnessed its impact in the most destitute areas in our communities.

Learners and Fellow Residents; We yearn to see our schools competing with model c schools in privileged areas. Our geographical location should not be another closed door but another way of celebrating uniformity across all our schools. Let us continue prioritising the importance of civil rights and encourage more stakeholders to join the promotion of education.

With that said allow me to welcome you all wish you a fruitful handover session.

I thank you.

Delivered by the Honourable Mayor,
Cllr Zukiswa Ndevu

