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Gauteng DWS held Baswa Le Meetse (BLM) Johannesburg Central District competition

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On 26 July 2023, Gauteng DWS in collaboration with the Gauteng Department of Education continued its Baswa Le Meetse (BLM) District Competition at Soweto College of Education in Johannesburg Central District.

The event was part of the Department of Water and Sanitation's (DWS) educational program aimed at educating intermediate phase learners about water resource management and hygienic handwashing through various art forms, including music, drama, poetry, posters, and praise poetry.

The competition, which started with capacity building and workshops for educators, is a multi-level event that includes district-level adjudications, provincial competitions, and national finals. Gauteng Provincial DWS organizes these competitions with all 15 districts of the Department of Education in Gauteng, building up to the BLM provincial competition.

Representing the Johannesburg Central District at the provincial level will be Rutegang and Ikemeleng Primary School in the drama category, Zola Primary School in poetry, Ikwezi Primary School in music, Siyokhela Primary School in posters, and Glenridge Primary School in praise poetry. These schools emerged as winners in their respective categories during the Johannesburg Central District BLM competition.

As the winners of their categories, these schools will now advance to the provincial competition where they will compete against other winning schools from different districts. The provincial winners will then go on to represent Gauteng province at the national competition in October.

In the drama category, Rutegang and Ikemeleng Primary Schools shared the number one spot, with Luyolo Primary School coming in at second place. Zola Primary School emerged as the winner in the poetry category, beating out Diodi Primary and Ekuphumeleleni Primary Schools.

Siyokhela Primary School was awarded first place in the poster category, while Glenridge Primary School took top honours in the praise poetry competition, defeating Rutegang and Hlekani Primary Schools.

These first-place primary schools will now compete for the top prizes at the provincial level of the BLM competition. The competition not only showcases the talent and creativity of the



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learners but also serves as a platform to raise awareness about water resource management and hygienic handwashing.

The Baswa Le Meetse (BLM) District Competition held in Johannesburg Central District is a testament to the commitment of the Gauteng Department of Water and Sanitation in promoting water conservation and educating future generations about the importance of responsible water usage. Through art forms such as music, drama, poetry, posters, and praise poetry, the BLM program provides a fun and engaging way for learners to learn about water resource management and hygienic handwashing.

By organizing competitions among various districts and schools, the DWS encourages healthy competition and recognizes the efforts of the learners and educators in spreading awareness about water conservation. The success of the BLM program lies in its ability to empower learners with knowledge about water resource management, instilling in them a sense of responsibility to protect this vital resource.

As the provincial winners prepare to compete at the national level, the BLM program continues to make a positive impact on the lives of learners, educators, and communities by promoting a culture of responsible water usage and hygiene practices.

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