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**ZAMUKUKHANYA LOWER/HIGHER PRIMARY SCHOOL IMBIZO
ADDRESS BY DEPUTY MINISTER WATER AND SANITATION
MS PAMELA TSHWETE
FRANKFORT, EASTERN CAPE
29 AUGUST 2016
11H00**

Programme Director, Councillor Desi

Ah !!!!! Zwelebanzi and other Traditional Leaders
Amathole Executive Mayor, Ms Nxawa
Amahlathi Mayor, Ms Qhaba and all Councillors
Water and Sanitation Regional Head, Ms Makhanya
Basic Education District Director, Mr Khatshaza
Reverend Mahlathi and other Religious Leaders
Community Organisations
Non-Governmental Organisations
Zamukukhanya Lower and Higher Primary School Principal and Educators
Zanovuyo High School Principal and Educators
School Governing Body Members and all Parents
Government Officials
Media Organisations
Ladies and Gentlemen

Molweni apha eDonqaba. Molweni eMpumakoloni. Siyanibulisa siliSebe lakwaWater and Sanitation.

Namhlanje silapha sikhathshwe ngoogxa bethu, abangala maSebe alandelayo Health, Social Development, Home Affairs kwakunye noSouth African Police Services (SAPS).

Kwakhona silapha ngokuxhaswa nguSouth African Social Security Agency (SASSA), iqumrhu lika Social Development lokunikezela ngeenkonzelo eluntwini ngokubanzi.

Eliqumrhu linguSASSA namhlanje lincedise ngokunikezela ngeschool uniform kubantwana abathe bongezelelwa apha eZamukukhanya Lower and Higher Primary School ababesuka kwezinye izikolo ezithe zavalala ngenxa yamanani aphantsi kakhulu.

Masimbulele simqwabele uSASSA ngesisipho sikhulu kangaka, kuba kaloku nathi siyazi ukuba akukho mzali unokuthenga ischool uniform kabini kunyaka omnye.

Botitshala, bazali nani nonke bethu mandixolise ngokuba sithathe ithuba elide kangaka ukwenza amalungiselelo alomsitho wethu nokuziswa kwale uniform apha esikolweni.

Unyaka ka2016 ibingunyaka we Local Government Elections, apho sithe savota ngomhla we 03 August.

Lonyaka ubuxakeke kakhulu ngokwasembuthweni nangokwaseburhulumenteni.

Siyabulela ngokuba side sibelapha sigqibile ukuvota. Nanku Mr Desi iWard Councillor yenu nimbuyisele, kuhle kakhulu ke oko ngoba abanye ooCouncillor ababuyelanga.

Nanku noMeya omtsha waseMahlathi umama uQaba kwakunye nomama uNxawe waseAmathole. Siyabulela ngeevoti zenu nangokusonyulela oomama ukuba baphathe kuleDistrict nakulo Local Municipality.

Programme Director, I am so happy to be associated with all stakeholders present here. Our aim specifically is to involve all parents to all activities of the school. Parents must support the programmes of the school and work very closely with the educators in the management of the school.

We are here today to develop and plan the future of the child. Gathered here are our children whom we want to be leaders of tomorrow in different sectors.

Amongst these children, we want to see more educators, doctors, engineers, scientists, philosophers, researchers, accountants, social workers, town planners, lawyers, advocates, magistrates and judges.

We can only achieve all these when there is order in this school Mr Yeye, when parents support and protect the school Mr Makele, when the district of Basic Education provides the necessary resources such as educators, school furniture, learner support material, libraries and laboratories.

It is important that this school must function optimally because the challenges out there demands that each community must produce community leaders capable to support the programme of government in rural development.

Community leaders and parents, Frankfort must work hard to produce its own doctors, lawyers, social workers and magistrate to support government in bringing services closer to the people.

The Department of water and sanitation has bursaries that are directed in promoting careers in relevant in water and sanitation. You must work hard and achieve grades that will allow you to benefit from these bursary programmes.

I had initially committed to bring here the Deputy Minister for Rural Development to see the structure of your school buildings so that they can deploy resources to rehabilitate this infrastructure.

I am happy to witness that a lot of work has been done in the provision of water and sanitation. Mr Khatshaza you now have a responsibility to ensure that there are more stand pipes to ease access by all children young and old.

You need to provide ablution facilities suitable for the grade R children as the current structures are not conducive for all children in this school.

Frankfort like all communities has a potential to develop and become a decent settlement with proper planning Honourable Mayor. My view is that we need to start everything here in this school in moving forward this community.

I have a dream of Zamukukhanya Lower and Higher Primary School working very closely with Zanovuyo High School where they will be sharing the same premises but managed by the two principals and also sharing resources such as sporting fields, school halls, libraries and laboratories.

In trying to realise this dream, I have a responsibility to engage the Departments of Sport, Recreation, Arts and Culture and Rural Development.

From all of you as teachers in both schools I need your commitment for learning and teaching. From our side we will continue working with the two schools under the 2020 vision.

We want the two schools to become eco-schools and participate in our programmes for water conservation and demand management targeting young people. Ms Phatho is here and she will link you with our national coordinators of this programme.

You will recall all of you that South Africa has been through very severe drought conditions which resulted in serious shortages of water. I want to call upon all of you to continue to save water by fixing leaking taps and using water sparingly.

The community must also ensure that, there are no illegal connections because people have to pay for the water and sanitation services provided by each community.

In order to avoid diseases such as cholera we must wash our hands after using toilet facilities, protect our rivers and dams from pollution and ensure that the water resource in this area is kept clean.

The community must ensure that the school is safe and protected from the criminals. I have heard of incidents where there cases of some community members breaking in the school buildings and stealing computers and other equipment.

This is a shame to this community because when we still the teaching equipment we are making learning impossible. We are destroying the future of these children. We are blocking these children from escaping the cycle of poverty. When they cannot achieve good results at the end of the year they will not be able to compete with children from other school and may miss out on bursary opportunities and scholarships.

I hope Captain Siphika and the police team have been very clear in sending the message that crime does not pay and those still involved in crime will end up in jail serving long sentences.

The community must work together and expose all criminal element found in this community. Criminals must have nowhere to hide in this community. We cannot be the ones buying school stolen property.

At this stage I want to congratulate SASSA for the job well done in the provision of school uniform to our new learners in this school. We are happy and proud to be associated with you. In Peddie we were together with you, your contribution in education will go a long way in bettering the living conditions of the poor people in South Africa.

Thank you very much Mr Manana for heeding and listening to our calls. Without your office, we would not be here today to celebrate with these kids. I can assure you that you have healed many wounded hearts on their parents who were not able to provide this uniform at the same time you have put a smile and gave confidence to the children.

Thank you very much for working with my office in organising this event. The success of this event energises me to work with you in more other programmes.

I am taken up by the fact that this local police station is named in the name of my late husband. The police working in this facility must work hard like him and protect and be to the service of the people all the time.

The fact that you are also neighbouring with my home village, it also draws you very closely to me and I promise to put some effort in working with you especially when you commit to work with government in improving the conditions of the people in this area.

I thank you