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Western Cape learners battle it out for top honors at Baswa Le Meetse Competition

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Learners from various schools in Western Cape battled for five spots at this year's Provincial Baswa le Meetsi (BLM) competition that were held on Saturday, 11 May 2019 at Brackenfell Civic Centre.

Baswa le Meetse (Youth in water) is a 2020 Vision program aimed at recognizing the role of learners in awareness campaigns related to water and sanitation. This competition targets grade six learners who convey health and hygiene messages through arts medium under traditional music, Poetry, Drama, Poster and Praise singing categories.

This year, nine schools from different districts took part in the competition. Learners from different schools in the province showed their talent as each school delivered a sterling performance, making it difficult for a panel of judges to choose the overall winners in the respective categories. Just like every competition, there has to be a winner.

Elaine Ontong, the BLM coordinator says while a number of schools have dropped as compared to the previous year, the level of competition is still high.

"This year we have changed things a bit. It is no longer about the learners only. Teachers are also part of the programme as they are required to make presentations. We are trying to ensure that teachers are involved in the process", said Ontong.

The competition enables Grade six learners to convey their artistic flair and promote health and hygiene messages through the following categories: Drama, Traditional music and dance, Poetry, Praise singing and Posters.

Five winning schools will be representing the province during the National Youth Summit to be held in Johannesburg are as follows:

- Drama: Rawsonville Primary School
- Traditional music and dance: Injongo Primary School
- Poetry: Injongo Primary School
- Praise singing: Mseki Primary School
- Poster: Caradale Primary School

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