



## INTERNET ARTICLE

### **Sanitation education intensified in Manzana Junior Secondary School in Ngcobo**

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Officials from the Department of Water and Sanitation and Chris Hani District Municipality continued with the ever so important educational campaign on sanitation at Manzana Junior Secondary School in Manzana Village, Ngcobo recently. The campaign is aimed at educating community members across the country about the importance of health and hygiene in people's lives.

In his welcoming remarks, the Principal of Manzana JSS, Mr Jongisile Bekebu praised the two spheres of government for such an initiative, saying it comes at an opportune time when the country and the rest of the world is still battling with effect of the novel coronavirus, with the looming third wave of the virus.

"We welcome any interventions that the government brings to us and the learners and this empowers us and for us to understand contagious diseases and how we can help prevent their spread", he said.

He decried the state of toilets in his school, adding that the education they received has made them to appreciate the role toilets play in their lives. Bekebu committed that he will spearhead the cultural change that is so needed in his school and other schools around.

"It is our collective responsibility to do things differently now as we need to keep our toilets as clean as they can be to ensure that we are not responsible for the spread of diseases. These learners here will go and empower their parents at home and ensure that things are done differently from now on", he emphasised.

Learners were shown a video depicting health and hygiene best practices as well as toilet practices to prevent the spread of diseases.

"We appeal to you not to put anything in the toilet other than urine, faeces and toilet paper. Wash hands with soap and running water. Keep your toilets clean daily and don't put in chemicals to clean ventilated improved pit toilets", said Mema who work as a sanitation project manager at the Department of Water and sanitation.





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