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## Learners & Community Encouraged to Save Water

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pam Tshwete during her visit to the municipality as part of the official handover of the Steve Tshwete Boarding School, encouraged the learners and residents of the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality to conserve and use water sparingly

"At the moment, as a country we are experiencing drought, so we need to conserve water. We must stop wasting and polluting water resources. We must practice water harvesting and collect rain water when it rains", stated Deputy Minister Tshwete.

Deputy Minister Tshwete also stated that she will talk to the Minister to address the water shortages experienced by the school. She also pleaded with the learners to use water sparingly and efficiently and never allow a single drop to go to waste.

In relation to the school being named after her late husband, the Deputy Minister stated that the family is very grateful to the honour and being associated with the school. She also committed the family to support the school as the late Steve Tshwete was a great teacher who interacted with a lot of learners in his lifetime.

She encouraged learners to take their education seriously as the doors of learning and education have been opened. She also highlighted that the department, through its programmes, provides bursaries to deserving learners interested in careers in the water sector and encouraged the learners to follow mathematics and science subjects.

She also warned the learners of the dangers of drugs and requested the school to be strict in monitoring the entrance gates to prevent drugs entering the school. She also encouraged the learners and the parents to take care of the school and never on any single day ever think of burning the school as the "will be burning my husband".