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#### **DWS takes learning at Midrand Primary School to a new level**

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*The state of education and learning at the Midrand Primary School will never be same again from now going forward. The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms Pamela Tshwete accompanied by Gauteng Premier Mr David Makhura and Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi yesterday 26 November 2014, officially handed over a stylish media classroom sponsored by MTN Foundation to the learners and educators of Midrand Primary School.*

*The state of the art classroom came equipped with 21 computer workstations, fitted with a multifunctional printer, data projector, interactive white board, an air conditioner and complete scientific programmes loaded into the computers. "All these couldn't have come at a better time", said acting principal of the school Mr Kgaabi. He indicated that the existing computer centre in the school was slowly succumbing to the pressures of having too many users.*

*"We are very proud and humbled to be beneficiaries of such a worthwhile initiative. It will definitely go a long way in enhancing and catalysing the pace of learning in our school", he said. He further on commended the Department of Water and Sanitation for partnering with the private sector for the benefit of South African youth.*

*During her keynote address at the event, Deputy Minister Pamela Tshwete said that she was more than happy to be a part of such a humbling moment. Adding that the challenges facing our country demand a shared common vision, and that without this kind of collaboration with private organisations, the challenges may appear difficult to overcome. She commended the MTN Foundation and the Rand Water Foundation who donated a cheque of R6000.00 to the school for their contribution to the improvement of youth and the lives of people in the communities. "A facility of this nature should ensure a dynamic link between the school and the society out there in terms of communication, information acquisition and dissemination", Deputy Minister said.*

*Deputy Minister of Arts and Culture, Ms Rejoice Mabudafhasi also gave some words of support, applauding DWS on its 2020 Vision for Water Education and Programme (2020 VFWEP) which is the*

*umbrella behind the handover. She said that the programme was a great boost for the state of education in South Africa, especially water education.*

*The Midrand Primary school won during the Baswa le Meetse competition which forms part of the VFWEP. The school entered for the drama and poster categories, came second in the drama category and scooped position one on the poster category which made them eligible for the media classroom.*

*2020 Vision for Water Education and Programme (2020 VFWEP) is an initiative of DWS to instill water knowledge from grassroots level. The programme brings together learners from across the country to compete in water related activities as a way of raising awareness on water and sanitation related subjects. Its main aim is to foster awareness of water and sanitation issues and careers on South African school learners and their educators, with some of the winners being awarded bursaries to study these water related courses in universities.*

*Meanwhile learners from Empumalanga primary School in the Eastern Cape Province await their turn, as Deputy Minister Tshwete will also officially handover another media classroom to their school on Friday 28 November 2014.*

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