

**External Communications Unit
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Attention : News Editors & Journalists
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For the attention of all media houses

The Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Councillor MS Mofokeng wishes Grade 12 learners well in their final exams.

The Sedibeng District Municipality wishes all the Sedibeng Grade 12 learners all the best as they started writing their final examinations from Monday, 24th October 2011. The period from the 24th October to the 1st December 2011 will be an interesting period in their lives as many of them would be sitting for the Grade 12 exams for the very first time in their lives.

It is in this regard that on behalf of the Sedibeng District Municipality and the people of Sedibeng, we share the sentiments in urging all learners to apply themselves with energy and dedication to these examinations as they are a determining factor in terms of their success or failure in these exams.

Let me hastily take this opportunity to thank education stakeholders and the people of Sedibeng from all walks of life who are and will be hosting prayer services and counseling sessions throughout the District for the Grade 12 learners.

I urge and invite all the people of Sedibeng to support and participate in these programmes as their sole aim is to pray for the learners and the smooth running of their exams which started on Monday, 24th October 2011. These programmes would be attended among other by representatives from School Governing Bodies, Parents & Guardians, Educators, Education District Offices, SADTU, Councillors, Church Leaders, Grade 12 Learners and the members of the public

We hope and trust that the matric support camps which were run by the Gauteng Department Education since February this year on Saturdays would have assisted a great deal in preparing the class of 2011 for the big task.

All of them would have gone through the preliminary exams which afforded them an opportunity to experience firsthand questions they were likely to face in the forthcoming matric exams. These preliminary exams also contributed to the school based assessment mark which makes up 25% of the matric mark.

“I would like to echo the words of the Gauteng MEC for Education: Ms Barbara Creecy in urging our learners to do two things: set up small study groups to support each other with revision and take advantage of the different study groups and camps that offer matric support”, said the Executive Mayor of the Sedibeng District Municipality, Councillor MS Mofokeng.



We advised all parents and guardians of the Grade 12 learners to provide sufficient monitoring and support to the learners during the exams period, ensure that learners have sufficient rest the night before their exams.

Learners on the other hand must ensure that they cooperate with their parents and guardians in this regard, ensure that they have all the necessary material (calculator, pens and pencils, erasers, etc), read the entire paper, read instructions, and plan their time carefully and as the Gauteng Department of Education has advised, all learners must ensure that they verify their exam registration details because learners with incorrect registration details will not be allowed to write.

You must continue to revise with the same focus and dedication over the next remaining period of their exams. Make sure that you keep calm and read the exam questions carefully. We have confidence that you will do your best and as always, will make Sedibeng proud.

Ends!

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