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MEC MCHUNU TO CLOSELY MONITOR SCHOOLS OPERATING IN UTHUKELA DISTRICT

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu will start his annual schools opening functionality monitoring programme in the Uthukela district on Wednesday (21 January 2015), where he is deployed as the service delivery champion.

This is in line with government's efforts of ensuring that schools kick start the year on a positive note. Mchunu is expected to interact with the district officials from the education department, school governing bodies, principals, teachers, learners and other relevant stakeholders. He is expected to visit four schools whose Grade 12 results dropped in 2014, and this intervention will be a way of finding ways of improving the state of learning through tackling all the social challenges that are a major hindrance to learning. Officials from other departments are expected to note challenges ranging from crime, teenage pregnancies, substance abuse, scholar transport, teacher absences and shortages, and other social factors.

Mchunu will visit these four schools over a period of three days under the Uthukela district municipality. He will be accompanied by Members of Parliament, senior district officials from the department of Education, Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, other relevant government departments and the local Mayors.

Details of the schools visits:

Day1 Wednesday 21 January 2015

07h30 - 08h00 - MEC's briefing by district 08h00 - proceed to the schools below 1 - Bhekundi High school 2 - Ezakheni High school

Day2 Thursday 22 January 2015

08h00 - Programme starts

1 - Khandimfundo High School

2 - Celukuphiwa Combined School

Day 3 Friday 23 January 2015

08h00 - The MEC meet with the district management 10:30 - MEC to proceed to Bergville Education Center to meet with stakeholders

Media are invited to cover the program.

Ends.

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