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MEC KAUNDA COMMENDS ZULULAND FOR BEING THE MOST IMPROVED DISTRICT IN MATRIC PASS RATE

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr Mxolisi Kaunda has commended the sterling work done by the Department of Education in improving the 2018 matric pass rate, particularly in the Zululand District where he is Operation Sukuma Sakhe (OSS) Champion.

The matric results released by the MEC for Education in the province indicate that the Zululand District leaped from number 12 to number nine in the province. "In 2017, the Zululand District was the worst performing district, ranking number 12. We are pleased that this year, the district significantly improved its matric results," said Kaunda.

Last year, the district obtained 64.83% matric pass rate. This year, the Zululand District achieved 73.8% matric pass rate, an improvement of 8.97%. As a result, the Zululand became the most improved district in the entire province. Even the schools that obtained 100% matric pass rate increased from 12 to 20.

Kaunda said that the increase in matric pass rate every year is a clear indication that education remains an apex priority for the ANC government.

He commended MEC Dlungwane and his senior management by improving the matric pass rate in the province by 3.3%. "Our gratitude also goes to the teachers, learners, parents and school governing bodies for this great achievement. "As schools reopen next week, our OSS district task team will work closely with struggling schools in ensuring that we achieve the 80% matric pass rate target set by MEC Dlungwane for 2019," said Kaunda.

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