

## **CLASS OF 2011 MATRIC RESULTS SPEECH: 19 JANUARY 2012**

Speaker of Council

Councillors

District Director of Sedibeng East, Mrs Dorah Moloji

School Governing Bodies

Sadtu and PEU Representatives

The ruling Party and the Alliance partners, Cosatu, SACP and Sanco

School Principals

Parents

Family Members

Ladies and Gentlemen

### **Our distinguished guests, the Class of 2011!**

Good Morning and thank you for attending this precious event.

On behalf the community of Lesedi, I would like to thank the matric Class of 2011 for putting our name on the map.

We are part of the National Grade12 examination results which scored 70, 2%.

We are also celebrating the 81, 1% matric pass rate which was attained by Gauteng, which became the second highest of all the provinces.

### **This achievement is also attributed to you, 'Class of 2011'.**

There are many more learners who have done well which we could not invite because of resources, to them we say, 'Well done'.

There has been a lot of effort behind the scenes to ensure that learners of your caliber are produced.

The foundation phase educators and other educators have laid a good foundation to produce such excellent learners.

Parents have also played a major role to help you.

The District Officials, Principals and Educators are trying very hard to turn our little ones into productive adults. The leading role played by School Governing bodies is also significant.

Nowadays, you cannot survive without education.  
Education is life itself.

With it, you can open closed doors. In the words of our icon, the former president of South Africa, Dr Nelson Mandela,

**'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'** Unquote.

2011 results in Gauteng reflected a notable improvement in Physical Science in terms of both pass rate and distinctions.

**This is great news for our country and we must improve on!**

As the municipality we will strengthen relations with the District and schools.

I further extend a hand to all business, political, social organisations, different formations and the community at large to partake in education and encourage learners to study and pass scarce skills.

For 2012, the Gauteng Department of Education is focusing on schools performing 80% and below.

Priority schools will benefit from interventions, including Secondary School Improvement Plan, until they have 3 years of consecutive improvement above 80%.

This will really assist our schools.

We must consolidate the gains made in the 2011 Matric Results. Interventions must be strengthened across all grades and phases to improve quality.

We must work together to do away with all the social ills in our society. Schools which are producing good results must work with those who are underperforming.

The Department of Education must ensure that educators are equipped to cope with changes in the curriculum so as to improve the quality of education.

We can improve, only if we work together.

I wish all the schools a 'Happy and more productive 2012'. Thank you for your contribution towards the achievement of our learners.

Our guests of honour, who will be studying at various institutions, I think I must now talk to you as a parent:

Please make us proud. This is just the beginning. We will patiently wait to be invited for your graduation ceremonies.

Having gone this long mile, nothing may stop you. The future is in your own hands.

When you get to Tertiary institutions, you'll be on your own. Please behave and always remember why you are there.

May the good Lord bless you!

Those who didn't pass, we wish them well.

A New Year always brings hope to do better; it is only hard work which is required.

Thank you all for your time.