

Media Statement

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THE CELEBRATION OF EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE AT uMGUNGUNDLOVU DISTRICT

uMgungundlovu District Municipality in partnership with the Department of Education and numerous sponsors joined hands together to host the District Educations Excellence Awards for 2016, on Friday the 10th of February at the Fern Hill Hotel in Howick.

Within KwaZulu Natal uMgungundlovu District was one of the areas that did exceptionally well, earning itself the second position within the province. Londani Zuma from Masijabule High School being one of the top matric achievers of 2016 within the District by obtaining 6 distinctions, and is now currently enrolled at Wits University studying Social Sciences.

Mayor Maphumulo emphasized on numerous topics around the importance of education in shaping the future and also how it is important in going back to the fundamental stages and working our way up, "We as uMgungundlovu District Municipality have re-committed ourselves to the Back to Basic Program set out by our National government. The programme requires every one of us to focus in providing quality service to our people and focusing on key service delivery elements, the delivery of good quality education for our children is one of them" said Maphumulo.

In her key address Mayor Maphumulo highlighted the importance of education in the eradication of poverty, inequality and unemployment within the District. She further pledged her support to education and the District's passion for Educational excellence.

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Within the District a number of schools did exceptionally well in producing satisfactory matric results, both from urban and rural areas, others maintaining consistent results such as Pietermaritzburg Girls High and Maritzburg Boys College whom were the stars of the show when sweeping more than 15 awards for the work they have done in producing quality Matric results

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