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MEC Lesufi hands over K53 learner's licenses to Grade 11 learners

The Gauteng MEC for Education, Mr. Panyaza Lesufi, today 14 March 2019, handed over K53 learners' driving licenses to Grade 11 learners from Gauteng schools who wrote and passed.

The objective of this program is to equip young people with professional driving and life skills. In addition, it is aimed at tackling challenges related to road fatalities due to limited road safety education.

The program is targeted at Grade 11 learners over 17 years old from public ordinary schools in Gauteng. The Gauteng City Region Academy (GCRA) has appointed a Project Manager to oversee the full implementation of the project. Furthermore, it has contracted trained driving instructors to train learners.

It must be noted that, some challenges have been experienced through this program such as learner absenteeism and high failure rate. However, learners will be motivated to work hard to prepare for tests accordingly.

"We are indeed excited and proud of all the learners that participated in this program, and appeal with those who failed to be committed and pass their tests. All those who acquired K53 learner licenses will gradually be assisted to obtain their K53 Drivers licenses, said MEC Lesufi."

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