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**20 March 2009**

### **GDE to host Initiation school imbizo**

The Gauteng Department of Education's Gauteng North District in collaboration with Inkosi Mahlangu of the AmaNdebele Tribe of Sokhulumu will be hosting an Initiation Imbizo on the 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009 at Ekangala Community Hall.

Gauteng North District is predominantly spread over the rural areas, the villages and townships of the former KwaNdebele Homeland. The majority of the population in these areas is Ndebele with strong attachment to their culture and the practice of initiation school. This year the initiation school will begin on 23 April 2009 and end on 22 June 2009.

This is the first campaign of its kind. The Imbizo is aimed at the following:

- To sensitize the community about the importance of education.
- Co-operation between the two institutions.
- Formal and proper educational support for the initiates shall be provided whilst they are at the mountain.
- Initiating "Winter Classes" for them
- This support will be provided to grades eleven and twelve

**Details of the event are as follow:**

Date: 21 March 2009

Time: 11h00

Venue: Ekangala Community Hall

**For more information contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Director of Communication, Nanagolo Leopeng on 083 450 2872 or 011 355 0414.**

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