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MEC Lesufi officially hands over Julius Sebolai Primary School to the community of Braamficherville

The Gauteng MEC for Education, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, has today 02 April 2019, officially handed over the newly constructed Julius Sebolai Primary School.

The schools identified for upgrades will change the lives of our learners and bring hope to the communities they live in. This process will also put emphasis on a speedy service delivery process and frequent stakeholder engagement.

Julius Sebolai Primary boasts the following:

- An Administration block
- 33 Smart Classrooms (Grade R block with 5 classes, Foundation block with 12 classes, Intermediate block with 12 classes and Senior block with 4 classes)
- 2 Smart Science laboratories
- 2 Smart Multi-purpose rooms
- 1 Computer Laboratory
- IT Control Room
- A Library
- Nutrition Centre and Dining Hall
- 1200 capacity School Hall (Still under construction)
- 5 Courtyards
- Concrete palisade fence
- A guard house
- Covered walkways

- Sports facility
- Soccer and rugby field
- Combi courts (netball, basketball and tennis courts)
- Ablution facilities
- Plant Room
- 100m3 Underground Rainwater Harvesting Tank

Green initiatives in addition include:

- Roof Insulation (reduces energy loose from the buildings)
- Glazing (that maximises natural light into the building and reduces energy loose from the building)
- Energy saving lighting (LED Light fittings)
- Solar water heating
- Rainwater harvesting
- Landscaping
- Insulated walls for heat conservation and sound-proof.
- 100m3 Underground Rainwater Harvesting Tank

The handing over of this school fulfils the promise to the people of Gauteng that every child in the province gets education closer to where they live.

All South Africans have the right to basic education. According to the Bill of Rights of the country's Constitution, the state has an obligation, through reasonable measures, to progressively make this education available and accessible. However, if the right to education is going to be satisfied, a fundamental building block in achieving this is the provision of suitable facilities in a manner that will stimulate the culture of learning so that it can take root and grow.

The project is structured to encourage participation and opportunity to previously disadvantaged individuals / contractors and Affirmable Business Enterprises, without compromising standards and skills. The project also provides skills through training and employment of the participants of EPWP.

The impact the project has had on the beneficiary community has been remarkable. Its success cannot be measured merely in direct benefits, such as the number of buildings erected, but rather the human benefit that the community has derived from being part of the process. The success of the project has been the direct involvement of the beneficiaries in the planning, implementation and ongoing management of the facilities.

- A total of 207 jobs were created: 20 male adults, 14 female adults, 142 male youth, 30 female youth and 1 disabled.

“We are proud to present this newly constructed smart school to the people of Braamficherville and plead with the community to protect this school”, said MEC Panyaza Lesufi.

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