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MEC Lesufi officially hands over Tsakane Extension 22 Mega Primary School To The Community of Tsakane

The Gauteng MEC for Education, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, has today, **Thursday, 10 October 2019**, officially handed over the newly constructed Tsakane Extension **22** Mega Primary School.

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

Tsakane Extension **22** Mega Primary School bears a stepping stone in that direction laid by the government to the community of Tsakane Township in Ekurhuleni.

The school was established in January 2019 to serve communities in extension **22** and the surrounding extension **08** and **13**. Learners come from different and disadvantaged communities (relocated from Primrose, Reiger Park, Katlehong, Geluksdal, KwaThema, Eden Park, Tsakane and Duduza.)

The school will cater for **205** children from Grade **1** to Grade **6** and is one of many, the department intends opening in townships across Gauteng in keeping with the commitment to provide state of the art infrastructure to communities which have been previously underserved.

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.

The provision of schools with modern facilities in townships will go a long way to improve and transform the quality of education in the townships. It will also have an economic impact and assist to stimulate the township economy

“We are proud to present this mega school to the people of Tsakane and plead with the community to protect this school for many generations”, said MEC Panyaza Lesufi.

The school is a modern facility with a design based on a prototype that incorporates Department of Education National Schools Infrastructure Norms and Standards. The school fall in the mega school category due to size that response to the demand trends encountered across the province.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education’s Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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