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MEC CHILOANE SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF EDUCATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE CHAIR JOE MPISI

Gauteng MEC for Education Mr Matome Chiloane is deeply saddened by the untimely passing of Chairperson of the Education Portfolio Committee in the Gauteng Provincial Legislature Mr Joe Mpisi, who passed away today on Friday, 12 May 2023.

Joe Mpisi played a critical role in the province's basic education sector during his tenure, ensuring that oversight of the Gauteng Department of Education's (GDE) work is carried out diligently with a priority on quality education for all our children.

Mpisi led the Committee phenomenally, having always held the GDE accountable and reminding us of the role we play in building communities and shaping the future of learners. He constantly expressed the view that officials must work to the best of their ability to better the education landscape of our country.

He strived for the GDE's efforts in providing quality education for all to be thoroughly reflected through the delivery of schools and classrooms, rollout of ICT in township schools, provision of safe and convenient scholar transport, consistent school nutrition and Learning and Teaching Support Material (LTSM) management.

"We bid farewell to one of the key individuals to whom we accredit our province's thriving education system. Mr Joe Mpisi will always be remembered for wanting to push the boundaries of what our system can achieve, and encouraging us all to say indeed, it can be done. On behalf of the GDE, we wish to convey our sincerest condolences to his family and loved ones for their loss," said MEC Chiloane.

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