

ADDRESS BY THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF STEVE TSHWETE, CLLR MIKE MASINA
DURING THE MAYORAL ACADEMIC AWARD CEREMONY AT RIVERSIDE ESTATE
ON THE 07/01/2013

THANK YOU PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

THE HONOURABLE SPEAKER: CLLR. R XABA
THE HONOURABLE CHIEFWHIP: CLLR. B. NDABA
CIRCUIT MANAGERS: MR. ADONIS & MR. TONGA
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS
LADIES & GENTLEMEN

I AM VERRY PLEASED TO CELEBRATE MY MONTH OF BIRTH WITH TOP ACHIEVER
IN THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN.

THERE IS NOTHING SO CLOSE TO MY HEART AS EDUCATION, IN ALL THE
CHALLENGES THAT HAVE ENGULFED OUR COUNTRY TODAY; THE TRIPPLE
CHALLENGES WHICH ARE:

1. POVERTY
2. UNEMPLOYMENT
3. INEQUALITY

I STRONGLY MAINTAIN THAT EDUCATION IS THE KEY SOLUTION AMONGST MANY.

I BELIEVE THAT THE ATTAINMENT OF ECONOMIC FREEDOM IN OUR LIFE TIME IS
POSSIBLE THROUGH EDUCATION.

DR NELSON MANDELA SAID "EDUCATION IS THE MOST POWERFUL WEAPON
WHICH YOU CAN USE TO CHANGE THE WORLD".

THE MOST LETHAL CHALLENGE OF YOUNG PEOPLE IS IMPATIENCE, THEY WANT
EVERYTHING ALL HERE AND NOW WHICH IS IMPOSSIBLE.

IT IS HARD WORK, DEDICATION, VISION AND FOCUS THAT BRINGS THE BEST
RESULTS.

IT TOOK MANY, MANY YEARS OF HARDSHIP FOR THIS COUNTRY TO ATTAIN
FREEDOM;
WE ARE FRESH FROM THE CENTENARY CELEBRATIONS OF THE ANC. I BELIEVE
THAT WE ALL FOLLOWED OUR RICH HISTORY.

THE 1ST PRESIDENT OF GHANA, MR NKWAME NKRUMA SAID "IF YOU DON'T KNOW
WHERE YOU ARE COMING FROM YOU ALSO DO NOT KNOW WHERE YOU ARE
GOING AND YOU MAY END UP ANYWHERE".

JANUARY 2013 HAS BEEN THE BEST MONTH NOT ONLY FOR ME AS IT IS MY
BIRTHDAY MONTH BUT FOR THE ENTIRE STEVE TSHWETE MUNICIPALITY.

WE STARTED THE YEAR 2013 ON A VERY HIGH NOTE, WE HAD A CROSS OVER FESTIVAL BETWEEN 2012 DECEMBER 31 AND 2013 JANUARY 01 AT THEMBA SINAMELA STADIUM WHERE WE ENJOYED THE GREATEST TALENT IN MUSIC AND PERFORMING ARTS.

ON THE 1ST OF JANUARY 2013 WE WELCOMED THE 1ST TWO NEW BORN BABIES AT MIDDELBURG PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL AND MIDMED HOSPITAL WHO CAME JUST AFTER 14 BABIES WERE BORN ON THE FINAL HOURS OF 2012.

ON THE 3RD OF JANUARY AS THE MEC FOR EDUCATION MS R MHAULE OFFICIALLY ANNOUNCED THE 2012 GRADE 12 RESULTS WHICH WAS THE BEST FOR MPUMALANGA PROVINCE AS A MUNICIPALITY WE WERE SO PROUD TO SEE OUR LEARNERS AMONGST THE BEST IN THE PROVINCE WHICH CULMINATED IN THE ARRANGEMENT OF THIS EVENT TO CONGRATULATE OUR TOP PERFORMERS BECAUSE WE KNOW THAT IT IS NOT THROUGH MAGIC OR MIRACLES BUT CONCERTED EFFORTS FROM LEARNERS, TEACHERS, PRINCIPALS AND VARIOUS STAKEHOLDERS AS WE CORRECTLY SAID IT IN OUR EDUCATION SUMMIT LAST YEAR, THAT "MAKE EDUCATION EVERYBODY BUSINESS". I AM VERY HAPPY THAT WE HEADED TO THAT CALL.

OUR RESPONSIBILITY NOW IS TO ENSURE THAT BURSARIES ARE MADE AVAILABLE AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT UBABA U PAUL MTHIMUNYE FROM PAUL MTHIMUNYE BURSARY FUND, OPTIMUM COAL AND OTHER STAKE HOLDERS THEY WILL NOT DISAPPOINT ON THAT SPHERE.

I WISH ALL GRADE 12 LEARNERS OF 2012 ALL THE SUCCESS AS YOU TAKE DIFFERENT DIRECTIONS TO FURTHER YOUR STUDIES, I KNOW YOU WILL PUT US ON THE MAP AS THE MUNICIPALITY.

I ALSO WISH THE GRADE 12 CLASS OF 2013 ALL THE BEST, I KNOW YOU WILL NOT DISAPPOINT.

THANK YOU!!!