



GOING FORWARD. Deputy Minister of Basic Education Mohamed Enver Surty, Minister Angie Motshekga and Peter Ndoro of the SABC at The New Age Business Briefing. PICTURES: HERBERT MATIMBA

Improving on performance

Motshekga pleased with provinces' matric results, specifically commending the Eastern Cape's progress

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PERFORMANCE at district levels came into sharp focus yesterday when Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga and her deputy, Mohamed Enver Surty, outlined the interventions made to improve learning and teaching.

Motshekga pointed out that there was a need to focus on matters of quality and efficiency at district levels. She said the commitment to the nation was that they would deal with those two areas.

The success of the interventions she outlined were evident in the 2014 matric results in which no district performed below 50%. Only one district in the Eastern Cape performed below 50% in 2013.

In 2014, only one district performed under 80% while in the Free State four out of five districts performed above 80%. In Gauteng, 13 out of 15 districts performed above 80% while all districts in the Western Cape performed above 80%.

The districts in other provinces also performed between 70% and 79%.

Motshekga particularly praised the Eastern Cape for its constant improvement in education performance. The province was always under the spotlight for being at the bottom of the list of other provinces regarding performance in the matric results.

"In maths and science, the Eastern Cape always does well. The people of Eastern Cape are doing well to get the province out of the quagmire. The thing is that those (provinces) at the top don't want to let go. The Eastern Cape is trying hard," Motshekga said.

Surty also added that the Eastern Cape has for the past four years never performed below 50%. Last year, the province achieved 65.4%, an increase from 64.9% in 2013.

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But Motshekga became almost emotional when she spoke about so-called community protests particularly in Malamulele where children were prevented from attending schools and some institutions torched. She said some 300 children migrated to Gauteng from Malamulele to attend school.

"Our children want to study. Some children are more responsible than adults. What has

happened there was extreme barbarism. Some of those responsible are doctors. They are educated people denying children education. This is a lack of morality."

Motshekga also pleaded with the private sector to lend a hand in the improvement of the education system through the National Education Collaboration Trust.

The trust is the brainchild of FirstRand chief executive Sizwe Nxasana and aims to strengthen partnerships between business, civil society and government to support reforms in education.

Quality assurance body in education Umalusi chief executive Dr Mafu Rakometsi speaking from the floor, said his observation over the years was that the education system was improving.

"From year to year on subjects, there is an improvement. It's an improvement that is sustainable.

"This has also been observed in the outcomes that we get every year," Rakometsi said.

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Dr Takalani Rambau, Demar Leroux, Zinhlle Matheus and Chrisna Janse van Rensburg.



Nonhlanhla Bhengu, Vuyiwe Hani and Thabitha Mhlala.



Feroi Botha, Patrice Boyen and Khutso Nagabe.

TWEETS

@The_New_Age: #TNABizBrief looks into interventions in Education Districts to improve the quality of learning and teaching @DBE SA

@Wasanga_Mayhem: "Burning down libraries is the worst form of barbarity. Min. Angie Motshekga #TNABizBrief #ADEA

@INDIEMI: #TNABizBrief Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi says parents should avail themselves in SGB leadership @kdtthecolony11: #TNABizBrief Libraries are goldmines of knowledge for those who are willing to use them. The R4.1b MTEF for public libraries is most quaint.

@kdtthecolony11: #TNABizBrief Excellent outlook from the Dept of Education as we see 170 mil workbooks provided to 23 000 public schools over the MTEF period

@SNNreporter: #TNABizBrief Motshekga says we are using the experiences from districts who are doing well

@shakasisulu: More awards?! Will they have the talented kids? @DBE_SA: The DM addresses how the Annual District Excellence Awards work #TNABizBrief #ADEA

@SNNreporter: Surty says the ministry is creating a database where they capture the details of every single learner in the country #TNABizBrief

@DBE_SA: "We have been able to reduce under performance because of the districts." Deputy Min #ADEA #TNABizBrief @DBE_SA: The minister talks about the relationship between national dep, provincial dep, and districts. #TNABizBrief #ADEA

@DBE_SA: The #ADEA winners with the minister & deputy minister. Tune into @MorningLiveSABC on @SABC_2 #TNABizBrief

@MangiLegodi: #TNABizBrief presents Minister of Basic Education Angie Motshekga to discuss the intervention in education districts @MorningLiveSABC

@MoegsienW: #TNABizBrief Motshekga: Parents who want answers must interact with the education districts. Surty: We've have created a common vision.

@DBE_SA: The minister explains the relationship between parents and district office. This is the 1st point of contact for parents. #TNABizBrief #ADEA

@Troy_Martens: district directors described as agents of change in education by Deputy Min. Enver Surty @DBE_SA #TNABizBrief

@Wasanga_Mayhem: #TNABizBrief on @Sabc_2 right now is showing how our Education system is recognizing & rewarding Districts which support our schools #ADEA @musakeninda: I did miss MEC Reginah @Mpueducation commenting improving farm school education. Building boarding schools. #TNABizBrief @MorningLiveSABC

@INDIEMI: #TNABizBrief Motshekga says parents are the ones who are paying the money, they should be educated about these bogus colleges

@kdtthecolony11: #TNABizBrief Healthy bodies make for healthy minds. The school and community sport programmes and academies' R1.7bil grant guarantees this.

@SNNreporter: #TNABizBrief Motshekga says its important for us to work with parents and educate them about these bogus colleges

@MzLee: This morning with peterndoro at the #TNABizBrief <https://instagram.com/p/0Zsx2vBli/>

@Wasanga_Mayhem: Man I love teachers, I have a lot of respect and love for the jobs you do. Thank you so much. #TNABizBrief #ADEA

@merSETASocial: #Motshekga: We think that if we centralise the procurement system in the education system we will be able to cut costs #TNABizBrief @DBE_SA

@INDIEMI: #TNABizBrief Tchr 4rm Qumbu district testifies how they r taking the low performing district up, the strategise n new activities implemented

@PhlyWawee: RT @merSETASocial CEO Umalusi: We see an improvement, the trends shows that the education gains are sustainable #TNABizBrief @DBE_SA @365LeaderShann: #TNABizBrief @dlaminibatha @MyANC @SocialSA @365Leader boyce Springs Girls High refuses learners to go to their ball 4 unpaid fees