

Minister of Basic Education, Mrs. Angie Motshekga Visits Mount Frere

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Minister of Basic Education Mrs. Angie Motshekga visited Mount Frere on 11 February 2015 at the request of Chief Diko who is a member of National Education collaboration trust in the district. The aim of the visit was to assess progress done in Mount Frere concerning education since the minister last visit in Mount Frere in 2012.

Chief Diko stated that as a result of the minister's visit in 2012 all schools in Mount Frere district have been given clerks, libraries and science laboratories donated to schools. Chief Diko thanked the minister for the great assistance given to the district.

Mrs. Tyhobeka the deputy director general of Basic education in Pretoria stated that Grade 12 results in Mt. Frere improved from 48% in 2012 during their last visit to 60,8% in 2014. She said infrastructure, furniture and LTSM shortage raised in 2012 are being taken care of by ASIDI (Accelerated School Improvement Development Initiative).

Mrs. Angie Motshekga stated that she was here in 2012 because of invitation from chief Diko. She said we can do more if we work together in 2015. Chief Diko invited me again to Mt. Frere to evaluate progress done since 2012. Mrs. Angie Motshekga said the first five years of a learner at school determine their future.

She said despite positive changes since 1994, the legacy of low quality education in historically disadvantage parts of the school system persists. She said this seriously hampers the education system ability to provide a way out of poverty for poor children. She talked of misplacement of teachers and said the department has to sort out the problem in order to get good results in Gr 12. In attendance were officials from Dpt. Of Basic Education in Pretoria and Bisho. Chiefs from Mt. Frere and Mt. Ayliff, Mayor of Tabankulu and Umzimvubu, officials from Nedbank, the district director of Mt. Frere and his staff, Principals and SGB from Mt. Frere, Mount Ayliff and Tabankulu.

