

MEDIA STATEMENT  
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Dear Editor/Reporter

## **KWAZULU-NATAL LEGISLATURE EMBARKS ON PROJECT PAINT TO IMPROVE THE LEARNING AND TEACHING CONDITIONS IN OUR SCHOOLS**

In a bid to encourage Members of the KwaZulu-Natal Legislature and communities to do voluntary work in their areas, the Honourable Speaker of the Provincial Legislature, Ms NP Nkonyeni, KwaZulu-Natal Premier Dr Zweli Mkhize and MEC for Education Mr Senzo Mchunu will, on Saturday 24 April 2010 officially launch the Paint Fest Project.

The project is an initiative of Speaker Nkonyeni to encourage MPLs and communities to do voluntary work in their respective areas. The project will be launched on the far northern part of the province at two schools - Madonela Primary and Mkhalihi Secondary Schools in the Umkhanyakude District. Commenting about the launch of the project, Speaker Nkonyeni said "Whilst the project will be officially launched in the Umkhanyakude District, it is however a province-wide initiative and will be undertaken in all eleven districts".

The schools which will be painted were identified by MPLs during their School Functionality Monitoring programme when the schools opened for the first term in January this year. The MECs, as champions of various districts on the side of government, and MPLs will be deployed to different districts where they will, together with communities paint schools that desperately need a "facelift". This will be an ongoing project until all the schools identified at the beginning of the year are painted.

District and Municipal Speakers, Mayors and Councillors have been invited to the launch of this project and are being encouraged to participate in it when their schedules permit them to do so. This project relies on donation mainly from the Independent Development Trust (IDT); however any useful material will be greatly welcomed to ensure that the project becomes a success.

Attached, is a programme of the launch on 24 April 2010 and the complete list of all schools to be painted will be made available in due course.

### **PROGRAMME FOR THE OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF PROJECT PAINT FEST**

(a) MADONELA PRIMARY SCHOOL - (UMKHANYAKUDE DISTRICT)

1. Opening (9H00am to 9H10am)
  - Local Councillor
2. Welcoming (9H15am to 9H20am)
  - Local Municipality/District Mayor
3. Purpose of the Visit (9H25am to 9H30am)
  - MEC For Education Honourable Mr Senzo Mchunu
4. Remarks by the Speaker of the KZN Legislature Honourable Ms NP Nkonyeni: (9H35am to 9H50am)
5. Remarks by the Premier of the Province the Honourable Dr Z.L Mkhize: (9H50am to 10am)
6. Painting Begins at 10H05 and ends at 10H45
7. Departure to the next School

b) MKHALIPHI SECONDARY SCHOOL

1. Opening (12H00pm to 12H05pm)
  - \* Local Councillor
2. Welcoming (12H05pm to 12H10pm)
  - \* Local/District Mayor or District Manager of the Dept of Education
3. Purpose of the Visit (12H10pm to 12H20pm)
  - \* MEC for Education Honourable Senzo Mchunu
4. Remarks by the Speaker of the KZN Legislature Honourable Ms NP Nkonyeni
  - \* (12H20pm to 12H30 pm)
5. Remarks by the Premier of the Province the Honourable Dr Z.L Mkhize
  - \* (12H30pm to 12H40pm)
6. Painting Begins
7. Painting Ends at about 13H30pm
8. Press Briefing
9. Departure

The media is invited to be part of launching this initiative which aims to give our needy schools in rural areas a much needed facelift to improve the culture of learning and teaching in KwaZulu-Natal. Transport for the media to the launch will depart in front of the Playhouse Company on Smith Street on Saturday 24 April 2010 at 6h00.

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