

eSethu High School welcomes Public Works' Umzinyathi District during the National Construction Week

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KwaZulu-Natal Department of Public Works continues to pride itself in ensuring that the pockets of successes and excellence in sustaining "Operation Sukuma Sakhe" since its inception continue with minimal blockages.



Programme Director for the day: Mrs Seni Majola Lukhele, the KZN Public Works' Structural Inspector

This time it was a trip by the KZN Public Works' Umzinyathi District to eSethu High School, an educational facility situated far in the rural area of KwaMazabeko which is also next to KwaMahlaba, in Pomeroy. It has been observable and admired by virtue of positive results that Umzinyathi District Office carries the Public Works flag as we continue to inculcate for the KwaZulu-Natal youth on the relevance of the National Construction Week. This is a programme that seeks to continue raising awareness and equally arousing interest to pupils who are still at their prime time of making informed choices when about to complete their respective final Grade levels when ready to entering the tertiary sector.



This is the state of disrepair of eSethu High School after being demolished by a heavy storm

The event commenced at approximately 10:30 under a well-structured and coordinated programme directed by Ms Seni Majola Lukhele, a Public Works' Structural Inspector who is based in the Greytown offices.



The status of the school as it looks today as we visited during the National Construction Week

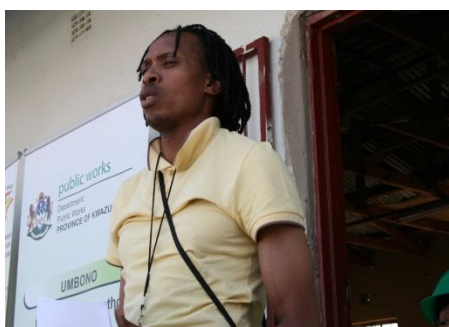
The event commenced with an opening prayer delivered by Mr Chonco, also a Public Works official based in the Umzinyathi District. After a prayer sermon, Mr Khoza, the principal for eSethu High School delivered a welcoming address.



The eSethu High School principal above, Mr Khoza during his welcoming address.

A brief overview and objective of the occasion was delivered by Mr Hlomuka, the District Manager for uThukela District thereafter the introduction of the school educators was conducted by Mr Khoza and that of Public Works' officials and other representatives from other institutions was done by Ms Sne Msane.

As the programme unfolded, the key speakers were proffered an opportunity to make presentations in respect of their respective work expertise. On the roll was Mr Ndlovu, a technologist also from Public Works. Mr Ndlovu provided detailed and elaborative information to school children so for them to make informed career choices.



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The school currently caters for a total of 376 both males and females learners with 13 educators behind the driving seat of education successes of the school. The school also covers its current curriculum for

academic year from Grade 7 to 12 respectively.

Another presentation was by Ms Kunene from the Department of Transport within the Cost Centre. Her presentation focused more on road infrastructure. Her emphasis was mainly on raising awareness and interest on the part of the students to make better career choices.

It should be mentioned that the crux of the National Construction Week is actually aimed at arousing interest to school pupils in attracting and instil in them the urge to choose infrastructure curriculum. Mr Mvelase also from the Department of Transport within the Umzinyathi District also provided a presentation that also responds to the industry.



Umzinyathi District Manager, Mrs Ntokozo Mbatha-Ngcobo in a very attentive mood during presentations

The bursary issue is also a thorny issue when funding is concerned. Ms Winnie Hadebe also from the Department of Public Works provided a brief presentation on bursary opportunities. She emphasised more to the learners on the importance of choosing Public Works as a destination of choice for a career growth as well as on the basis of expertise and learning capabilities that the students should have in order to achieve the best. =



Ms Winnie Hadebe from Public Works within the Bursary Unit also shared the podium with other presenters

The Department of Education was represented by Ms Gigaba within the Infrastructure Management Services Directorate who also had her fair share of inculcating the need and eagerness on the part of the students in doing more hard work in achieving the best.



Ms Gigaba from the Department of Education's Infrastructure Management Services Directorate also had to beat her piano.

The order of the day resulted with a brief site visit or tour within the built infrastructure of the school. In closing Mrs Ntokozo Mbatha-Ngcobo, the District Manager for Umzinyathi District gave a vote of thanks in wrapping the day's event.



Above here is Mrs Ntokozo Mbatha-Ngcobo during a vote of thanks delivery.



Educators from eSethu High School seated and cogitating deeply as presentation were conducted.



Seen here above and below are the learners during the site briefing session



The entrance view of the eSethu High School.