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Amajuba District Municipality host the Grade 12 Mayoral Excellence Awards

Education remains the priority of the ANC-led government and as such it is the responsibility of all sectors to provide support to the department of Education in its pursuit to enhance education. Education is everybody's business.

In response to the above statement Amajuba District Municipality hosted the 2016 Grade 12 Mayoral Excellence Awards. The awards ceremony was held on the 19th January 2017 at the Civic Hall in Newcastle.

The awards were also part of the celebrations of the achievements of the Amajuba District for being the Best District in 2016 in the KwaZulu-Natal Province as announced by the Minister of Education in the presentation of the 2016 Grade 12 results.

The initiative was supported by key partners such as ArcelorMittal, Lanxess, Checkers and others who all contributed towards the success of the event. The contributions ranged from financial assistance towards the registration fees of the needy and deserving learners and laptops for the best performers. Further to that Lanxess sponsored 100 needy learners with a cheque of R300 000 which is to be shared by these 100 learners. Amajuba District Municipality will be sending the list of these learners to Lanxess so that payment be made directly to institutions that have accepted their applications.

The awards ceremony was attended by the MEC for Health, Dr SM Dhlomo, on his capacity as the MEC Champion for Amajuba District under Operation Sukuma

Sakhe, representatives from the private sector, senior officials from various departments, parents of the candidates and many other stakeholders.

The Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality, Cllr Dr Musa Ngubane, in his address re-assured those in attendance of government's commitment to support education. "As government, we will continue to ensure that every child in our schools has meaningful opportunities for learning. Our aim is to improve the reading, writing and numeracy skills of children in our education system. This must begin at primary school and be a focus at all levels of the system", said Mayor Ngubane.

Amongst categories that were awarded were: The Top 10 Learners, best learners in individual subjects, best performing schools, most improved schools, schools that obtained 100%.

The Mayor of Amajuba District Municipality wishes to thank all the partners who supported the initiative and further invite others to be part of this historic annual activity.

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