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MEC MAJUBA CONVENES A MEETING TO REVIVE WEDNESDAY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

The MEC for Education, Mr Bonakele Majuba will convene a crucial meeting today at the Capital Hotel in Mbombela at 10H00 . The meeting is involving representatives from various sports associations, including the South African Football Association and aims to accelerate progress towards the reintroduction of the long-awaited Wednesday School Sports Day in Mpumalanga Province.

Building on previous efforts, the department has established a steering committee, drafted a concept document, and engaged several key institutions. However, the focus now shifts to intensifying consultations with all stakeholders to ensure a comprehensive and inclusive approach. "We believe in holistic education for our children," said MEC Majuba, echoing the sentiments of the late Nelson Mandela who famously said, "Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire.

It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does." "Wednesday School Sports Day is not just about physical activity, but also about nurturing talent, fostering teamwork, and instilling a love for healthy lifestyles." Meanwhile, after this meeting, MEC Majuba will convene another meeting with Principals and Chairperson of School Governing Bodies of the Boarding Schools at the same venue to start at 12H00.

The intention of this meeting is to get an update on how the 2024 school year commenced, to address impediments and to look at how the performance of learners can be improved going forward.

The media is invited to cover both meetings.

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