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**MPUMALANGA GOVERNMENT TO HAND OVER NEW ECO-FRIENDLY EXTENSION 24
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Mpumalanga Provincial Government continues to invest in quality education infrastructure that responds to the needs of our communities and protects our environment.

The MEC for Education, Ms Lindi Masina, together with the MEC for Public Works, Roads and Transport, Mr Thulasizwe Thomo, will on Thursday, 27 August 2026, officially hand over the new Extension 24 Primary School in Rockdale, in the Steve Tshwete Local Municipality.

The school is part of the provincial government's intervention to address demand for schools in fast-growing towns including Emalahleni, Steve Tshwete, City of Mbombela and Govan Mbeki. It was earmarked for construction during the 2025/26 financial year and is now ready for occupation.

The state of the art facility incorporates eco-friendly and energy-efficient solutions, including:

- Solar power to reduce reliance on the grid;
- Natural lighting and ventilation design to enhance energy efficiency; and
- Sustainable water management systems.

"The handover of Extension 24 Primary School is a clear demonstration that this is a government at work for all. We are not just building schools, we are building sustainable, modern learning environments that give dignity to our children and support quality teaching and learning," said MEC Masina.

"We have delivered this project as part of our mandate to provide infrastructure that is fit for purpose, cost-effective and climate resilient. This is infrastructure that responds to population growth in Steve Tshwete while also protecting our environment," said MEC Thomo.

This investment reaffirms the Provincial Government's commitment to modern, sustainable infrastructure that creates a better learning environment for our children and builds a stronger future for our communities.

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The handover will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 27 August 2026

Time: 10:00

Venue: Extension 24 Primary School, Rockdale, Middelburg, Steve Tshwete Local Municipality

Members of the media are invited.

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