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PREMIER MANDLA NDLOVU TO OFFICIATE THE HAND-OVER OF LUCKY DUBE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS

Mpumalanga Premier, Mr Mandla Ndlovu, will officiate the official hand-over of the Lucky Dube Secondary School of Performing Arts on Monday, 03 August 2026, in Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local Municipality. The Premier will be joined by Members of the Executive Council (MECs), Executive Mayors and members of the community for this significant milestone. The school is named in honour of the late South African reggae icon, Lucky Dube.

The Lucky Dube Secondary School of Performing Arts officially opened and became operational on 15 January 2025. Established in honour of the late reggae legend, who was born in Ermelo, the school is a School of Specialisation dedicated to nurturing and developing learners' creative talents in music, dance, drama and technical disciplines such as sound engineering, stage lighting and event production. These specialised programmes are offered alongside the Curriculum and Assessment Policy Statement (CAPS), culminating in the National Senior Certificate (NSC).

As the first public, no-fee performing arts-focused high school of its kind in Mpumalanga, the school serves as a provincial hub for arts education, providing talented learners with access to specialised training and opportunities to develop their artistic potential.

The official hand-over underscores government's commitment to expanding access to quality education and creating opportunities for young people to develop their talents and pursue their aspirations. It reflects the province's continued investment in Schools of Specialisation as centres of excellence that nurture skills, creativity and innovation, while preparing learners for further education, employment and entrepreneurship. The school also contributes to building a vibrant creative sector that supports inclusive growth and youth empowerment in Mpumalanga.

The official hand-over of the Lucky Dube Secondary School of Performing Arts is arranged as follows:

Date: Monday, 03 August 2026

Venue: Lucky Dube School of Performing Arts, Ermelo, Msukaligwa Local

Municipality

Time: 08H00

Members of the media are invited to attend. To RSVP, please contact **Ms Tlangelani Rikhotso** (Office of the Premier) on **079 516 6991** or Mr Gerald Sambo (Department of Education) on 081 526 7802.

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