

**SPEECH BY THE MEC FOR EDUCATION, MS LINDI MASINA AT THE  
OCCASION OF THE DONATION OF SCHOOL UNIFORMS AT  
MSHADZA SECONDARY SCHOOL ON 08 APRIL 2026**

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Members of the School Governing Bodies

Circuit Managers

Principals

Educators and School Management Teams

Members of the Representative Council of Learners

Distinguished Guests

Learners,

Ladies and Gentlemen

**Good Morning, Sanibonani**

It is a great honour and privilege to join you all on this meaningful occasion as we mark the beginning of the second school term in a very special way.

This is special because today is the beginning of the second quarter and as such we take this opportunity to welcome our teachers, non-teaching staff and our learners from a deserved leave. We hope you enjoy the holidays.

It is special because we are intentional as the 7<sup>th</sup> Administration in restoring dignity, renewing hope, and investing in the future of our children.

Today's gesture is about a promise fulfilled, we therefore extend our appreciation to the Hon Premier who made a commitment during the announcement of the 2025 National Senior Certificate Examination Results that the top ten Quintile 1 to 3 schools that achieved a 100% pass rate would be supported with full school uniforms for 100 learners each.

We therefore stand proudly to witness the promise coming to fruition in a special way.

This is a clear demonstration that the current 7th administration cares and appreciates and rewards outstanding performance.

To all the schools which are beneficial of this gesture, know that your hard work does not go unnoticed.

You have shown us that no matter the circumstances, success is possible.

We are deeply grateful to the **Mandla Ndlovu Foundation**, under the leadership of **Ms. Carol Zulu** for partnering with us in this noble initiative.

Your contribution goes beyond material support; it speaks to compassion, social responsibility and a shared vision for a better future of our learners.

To our learners of the schools represented here, you have made your families, your communities, and the Province of Mpumalanga proud.

We hope that you understand that this: a school uniform we are handing over to you is intending to instill a sense of belonging.

When you wear it, wear it with confidence. Wear it with purpose. Let it remind you every day that you can achieve greatness.

Let this gesture inspire the Class of 2026, but all learners across our province, to remain focused, to work hard, and to believe in themselves.

Education remains the most powerful tool we have to change lives and transform communities.

As the Department of Education, we remain committed to creating an enabling environment where every learner has the opportunity to succeed regardless of their background.

We will continue to invest in initiatives that uplift, support, and empower our learners.

We wish to call upon parents, educators, and communities to continue working hand in hand with us.

The success of our learners is a shared responsibility. To the Class of 2026, this is your moment. Stay committed, stay disciplined, and keep your eyes on the goal.

The future belongs to those who prepare for it today.

In closing, let me once again congratulate all the beneficiary schools and learners.

Thank you to all the principals for leading from the front. You are our shining champions. **Know that you are truly appreciated.**

We wish to extend our appreciation to the leadership of Mshadza Secondary School for hosting us.

Thank you to my school choir- Tshabalala Secondary School for the Sweet Melody- **you are just great.**

May this day serve as a reminder that your efforts matter, and your future is bright.

Thank you once more to the **Hon Premier, the Mandla Ndlovu Foundation** and to all who made this possible.

Let the good times roll in the Place of the Rising Sun.

**Ngiyabonga.**