

## **MAYOR DONATES SCHOOL SHOES & SANIRATY TOWELS DURING HER VISIT**

**GA-MOLEKWA:** The Mayor of Mogalakwena Local Municipality, Her Worship Cllr Andrina Matsemela has urged pupils from Senoane Secondary School in Bakenberg Circuit at Ga-Molekwa village to study hard.

The poor matric results at Senoane Secondary school at Galakwena village prompted the Mayor to visit this school which obtained 0% pass rate in 2018 academic year. The Mayor and Councillors from Bakenberg cluster together with officials from the office of the Mayor, Department of Education and the Department of Social Development visited the school to seek solutions to the challenges that the school is experiencing.

Mayor Matsemela who was on Friday accompanied by Councillors embarked on a campaign to motivate, uplift the morale of learners, educators and SGB at the above mentioned underperforming school.

“We should strive to build better society and this should start at home as this needs everyone, community, parents and educators so that we will have future leaders. I am considering to adopt this school so we help them overcome the current situation. As part of Thuma Mina campaign I will donate 10 pairs of school shoes and sanitary towels to the identified learners,” said Matsemela.

Mayor Matsemela emphasized that the learners must show commitment and dedication towards their school work and the educators should as well take their work as a calling. All the stakeholders must work together to better the situation in the school to ensure that the next matric results are better.

Mayor Matsemela promised them all the necessary support and said that their passing with flying colours would make the municipality proud.

The visit follows after all the pupils who wrote their matric examinations last year failed.

It has come to Mayor Matsemela's attention that the poor performance was attributed to ill-discipline by the learners, lack of teachers and resources (classrooms) hence the school has been performing badly over the past few years.

With only 12 pupils writing matric last year, the school, was among three schools that produced a 0% matric pass rate in the province.

Matsemela is disappointed that the school has been operating with only five teachers since 2016 and no efforts had been made to bring new teachers to help pupils.

There are other factors that the Mayor promised to engage the Department of Education and Department of Social Development to find ways of improving school's results.

Senwane Secondary School's past matric performances:

2015 - 37 pupils, only seven passed (18.9%);

2016 - 15 wrote, nine passed (60%); and

2017 - 17 wrote, five passed (35.71%).

Mayor Matsemela who later donated sanitary towels, pairs of school shoes, received thunderous applause from pupils after addressing them.