

## **MEC & MAYOR MAKES BIG DONATION TO SCHOOLS**

**REBONE:** A total of 200 schoolchildren (boys and girls) from Rebone Cluster, Baltimore Circuit have this morning received dignity packs and sanitary pads from the MEC for Department of Education Mme Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, Mogalakwena Local Municipality Mayor, His Worship Cllr Ngoako Taueatsoala and a local businessman Mr Edgy Gumede.

The two schools that received the donations are Malebo Secondary School and Reabilwe Primary School whereby each school received 100 packs each. They became much generous as they donated ten (10) brand new laptops, 05 of them to each school.

Mr Gumede who was a schoolchild at both schools and annually makes different donation to the above mentioned school said the initiative was aimed at assisting those who are less fortunate, by ensuring that all learners are at the same level.

In Brief, Mayor Taueatsoala congratulated the school for obtaining over 80% pass rate in the previous academic year said, "We would like encourage you to concentrate and perform well in your studies to achieve high marks come end of this academic year. We want to ensure that these learners attend school without the constraints or any hindrance due to a biological phenomenon which is a natural part of life."

"I am confident that this donations will possibly make a difference in your learner's lives and will go a long way in assisting those who are less fortunate. We are happy that recently schools from rural areas are now performing far much better than schools in towns. I further urge you to respect you educator and study so you can become better people in future," said Mayor Taueatsoala.

Education MEC, Mme Lerule Ramakhanya did not beat about the bush as she told learners that she expect more that 60% pass of all their class tests.

"We would like to advise you to stay far away from drugs as much as possible because this government cares about you unconditionally as there are opportunities open for you which were non-existent in the past. Make use of this time and opportunities presented to you by this government," said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya and Mayor Taueatsoala were joined by Mogalakwena Local Municipality's Members of Executive Council and Ward Councillors.

Both schools Principals Phuti Mabokela from the Primary School and Hlabirwa Mangangane from the high school said, "We are out of words to describe our excitement. We are confident that this donation will amongst others address the issue of menstruation-related absenteeism in school children from low-income families."