

## John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality celebrates matric achievements

On Friday February 5 2016 the John Taolo Gaetsewe District Municipality held a function in Laxey to celebrate the achievement of the matric class of 2015. Segopotso High School in Laxey obtained the overall best matric results in the district followed by Ba-Galotlhare and Dibotswa High Schools respectively. The function followed a visit by the District's Executive Mayor Councilor Sofia Mosikatsi two weeks earlier to encourage current learners to work hard in order to emulate the class of 2015.



On the day of the function Councilor Mosikatsi was accompanied by the MEC for Sports in the Northern Cape Honorable Lebogang Motlhaping who is from the same area and attended the same school (Segopotso High School) that outshone all the others in the Matric Results of 2015. The District Municipality deemed it fit to invite MEC Motlhaping to deliver the keynote address since he was from the area and it would be easy for him to relate to the learners and vice versa. The function was also attended among others by representatives from the department of education, councilors, various community formations and parents of those learners who obtained the highest marks in key subjects such as Mathematics, Science, Geography and English among others. Schools and learners who came up tops were awarded trophies as tokens of appreciation and motivation for their achievements.

In his keynote address MEC Motlhaping challenged the current learners to maintain the standard or perform even better than the class of 2015. "The fact that you are from a remote village does not make you any less intelligent than those who are from big cities or township. If you put your mind to what you aim to achieve, neither circumstance nor condition can prevent you from reaching great heights in your lives. In fact, the fact that you are from a remote village should act as motivation to do better and outshine even those who are from the so called well-resourced schools. The class of 2015 has shown that with hard work, determination and respect you can achieve more in life" said MEC Motlhaping.

The principal of the top school (Segopotso High) Mrs K Moeng could not hide her excitement as she went repeatedly up the podium to receive trophy after trophy on behalf of her school for coming out tops in various categories. She had particularly warm words for the School Governing Body of Segopotso High and parents for their contribution towards the academic achievement of her learners. "When I arrived here you welcomed me with open arms and that made my job much easier. Much of the credit for the good performance of our children should go to you as parents and the community because you were with us all the way, especially during difficult times to ensure that we succeed in bringing out the best out of our learners. With you by my side I know that we won't neither fail nor fall. We promise to work even harder to ensure that Segopotso High School becomes not only the best school in the JTG District but in the province and country as a whole" said an elated Moeng.

Other schools that were recognized for their outstanding 2015 matric results include Ba-Galotlhare High from Heuningvlei and Dibotswa High School from Dithakong.