

Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality



SPEECH BY THE MAYOR OF THE ELIAS MOTSOALEDI LOCAL MUNICIPALITY: CLLR. JULIA LATA MATHEBE DURING YOUTH CAREER EXPO HELD ON 4 OCTOBER 2019 AT AFRO SPORT GROUND.

PROGRAMME DIRECTOR

THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY

THE PRINCIPAL

THE EDUCATORS

GREETINGS TO ASSOCIATES OF THE ACADEMIC SECTOR

PARENTS PRESENT

ORGANISERS OF THE EVENT

GREETINGS TO THE LEARNERS

GREETINGS TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT

GUESTS PRESENT

MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA

LADIES AND GENTLEMENT

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Ladies and gentlemen; please accept my humble greetings to all of you this morning as we are taking a positive step towards empowerment of our children and to plant in them a seed to yearn for a more positive and brighter future.

This ranks among important indicators of performance of our education system.

- Education is a social process.
- Education is growth.
- Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.” These wise words from our former President, Nelson Mandela, certainly resonate here today.

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These icons and forebears are both personal and public and these are occasions to remember them for whom our successes and achievements counted more than their own. We believe there is no greater way of acknowledging the freedoms we now enjoy, than to honour those who have gone before us by building on the legacy they have bestowed. Thus we commit ourselves to continue in similar vein to push forward in breaking barriers to learning on all levels.

Programme Director

Our primary aim of this event is to showcase careers, different fields of study and bursary opportunities offered by Government Departments, Institutions of Higher Learning, Public Entities and the Private Sector so that participants are given an opportunity to interact directly with representatives from those institutions. The secondary aim is to address the critical skills shortage in the local municipal area.

Programme Director

To the youth of today, of which students are an integral part, there is no better way to carry forward the issues of the Youth of 1976, than to better yourselves in all facets of life. Talking about bettering yourselves, education is one of the main pillars of building a better society. I encourage you, the youth of today, students that are here, to arm yourselves with education so that you can build a better society.

In today's exhibition, different stalls are displayed. I urge you to explore all the different career options and materials and use the opportunity to choose the most adequate or appropriate career path that will enable you to contribute positively in shaping a better South Africa for all.

As the government that is closer to the people, we recognize the challenge that our communities face when the demand for skills cannot be met and unemployment persists because individuals do not have the skills employers need. We have made a commitment to contribute towards closing this gap and help build a growing economy through required skills within our municipality.

We also acknowledge that education has the power to transform lives and build the foundation for a brighter future. But poverty can make it difficult to access quality education.

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The Elias Motsoaledi Local Municipality Mayor's Bursary funds is an initiative gives access to learning opportunities to those young once who are finding it difficult to do so those who have fallen on hard times to access tertiary education.

Therefore, Programme Director, Education is minimum requirement to change the human lives. The municipality in this current Financial Year, the amount of 1 Million is budgeted for assisting the needy students with registration fee at various tertiary institutions, and will continue to contribute to this life-changing programme in future And in this regard, as part of our commitment to assist young people to equip themselves with education, the municipality has allocated bursaries to 40 students from poor backgrounds to various tertiary institutions in South Africa

In conclusion, please allow me to reiterate that with education we can never go wrong.

We all still have the opportunity to learn. An inspirational quote that I have come across from an unnamed source says that: "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruits are the sweetest".

To parents and members of our communities, teachers and all other relevant stakeholders, let us work together and invest in our youth.

Former President OR Tambo, once said, I quote, "A nation that does not invest in its youth does not deserve a future" close quote.

I thank you !!!