



MEDIA STATEMENT

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Mayoress' matric function a huge success



Mrs Maphetle (second from right) handing over a gift pack to Peggy Lesego Moeketsi, a learner from Boitshoko Secondary School. Standing on the far right is Councillor Thoko Zwane and Mrs Kaunda, the principal of Boitshoko on the far left.

The wife of the Executive Mayor of Potchefstroom hosted a successful motivational session for the city's matriculants on Thursday 05 October 2006 at the Banqueting Halls. Mrs Busisiwe Maphetle invited hundreds of matriculants to a session that was graced by the presence of motivational icons Dr Eva Ngwenya-Seobi and Pastor Jerry Nemaranzhe.

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The learners of Boitshoko, Resolofetse, Botoka, Tlokwe, Seiphemelo, Potchefstroom Secondary and Promosa schools were noting words of encouragement from the above-mentioned speakers.

During her address, Dr Ngwenya-Seobi emphasized that the learners should have the right perceptions, behavior, principles and mind-set if they want to achieve their goals in life. She further highlighted that they (learners) should **Dream** about what they want to be and achieve in life, **Decide** on how they will do that, be **Determined** in achieving their set goals and be **Disciplined** in their lives and way of reaching their goals.

Pastor Nemananzhe highlighted and emphasized that learners should decide to make friends with themselves because this will enable them to build healthy relationships with others. He further emphasized that learners need to seek and find God on their side – “because the truth is, you can’t do it alone, you need God”, he said.

When speaking to the learners, the First Lady of the City of Potchefstroom Mrs Maphetle said, “Don't spend major time with minor people. If there are people in your life that continually disappoint you, break promises, stomp on your dreams, too judgmental, have different values and don't have your back during difficult times – know that they are not your friends. To have a friend, you must be a friend. Sometimes in life as you grow, your friends will either grow or go. Surround yourself with people who reflect values, goals, interests and lifestyle similar to yours”.

End.

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