

# NCDOE Set To Climb Back Up The Education Ladder



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MEC Mac Jack with HOD, Tshepo Pharasi seen with educators receiving new resources

Moving towards an education system which supports and encourages active, enthusiastic participation from both learners and educators is a goal that all in the educational field seek to achieve. With the handing over of 400 laptops in total, each equipped with the latest Edukite learning software, it seems the Northern Cape Department of Education has set out to do just that.

"Critical to the Northern Cape Department of Education (NCDoE), is the prioritization of quality education to ensure the province remains at the cutting-edge of the Fourth Industrial Revolution", opened MEC of Education in the province, Mac Jack adding, "In response to the Premier's vision for the Northern Cape, the NCDoE has procured Edukite hard and software for Mathematics and Physical Sciences for Grade 12 and Natural Science for Grade 9 to enrich and vary the understanding and expression of subject content. The provision and utilisation of this Edukite ICT resource will provide an invaluable platform for educators to strengthen content knowledge and classroom pedagogy and, ultimately, stimulate and enhance learners grasp of especially abstract and problematic content".

240 laptops with software was handed over at Northern Cape High School on the day, received by teachers from varying schools around the province. Coupled with the handover, was an explanation of how the program were to benefit both the learners and the educators.

Mario Kaviedo, a grade 11 and 12 maths and life sciences teacher at Colesburg Combined School was chuffed at the procurement of the hard and software resources, "I think this is excellent, especially for the English medium schools. It is also especially helpful for the novice teachers who are still getting the hang of what real teaching is about in schools. Programs like these assist with the presentation of lessons and is a good guide for introducing new subjects and chapters to learners".

Identified educators received a laptop loaded with digital CAPS-aligned curriculum content in the form of Multimedia 2D and 3D animations, interactive simulations, virtual experiments, assessments, opportunities for prior learning and consolidation of the relevant subject.

To ensure the effective usage of the resources in the classrooms, the teachers were given a rigorous two-day training, learning the ins and outs of the software. The same will be replicated in Upington later this month to further enable the educators to utilise the system correctly and optimally in the classroom, where the remaining 160 laptops will be handed over to educators.

A similar hand over was done in 2016 where 750 educators received the same resources. With the introduction of Edukate in Life Sciences in 2016, the National Senior Certificate (NSC) performance in this subject improved from position 9 to position 6 in the country. The subject pass rate also improved with a significant 11%. Performance in Geography also improved in 2017, taking the province to number 3 in the country with a pass rate of 85.9%. It is with high hopes that we await the end result of the introduction of this program to schools in the province.



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