

## Executive Mayor congratulates the Matric Class of 2020



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**M**opani District Municipality's Executive Mayor Cllr Pule Shayi has congratulated the Matric Class of 2020 following the announcement of the National Senior Certificate results earlier in the week.

Speaking during a virtual Imbizo session on Wednesday, Shayi described the Matric Class of 2020 as a unique generation that has faced so much hardship, but still able to rise against all odds. "We congratulate them, and our view is that their firm resolve should serve as an inspiration to the next generations, but of immediate is the Matric Class of 2021."

The Executive Mayor congratulated the Mopani West District for their achievement as the most improved district in the province. "The district has been improving since 2018, moving from 64,4%, then 68% in 2019 and 68.4% in 2020. We also wish to congratulate Mashooro Secondary in the Mawa Circuit for their recognition as the most improved public school in the province," he said.

He went on to congratulate the Man'ombe, Tzaneen, and Nkowankowa Circuits for making it to the top ten bracket in the province in terms of bachelor passes. Man'ombe Circuit in

Mopani East which has recorded 352 bachelor passes, the Tzaneen Circuit with 343 and the Nkowankowa Circuit with 336, both in Mopani West.

The Executive Mayor also congratulated Merensky High School for their recognition in the Agricultural Science category. "We are encouraged that as a District that strive towards being the food basket of Southern Africa, at least the number one school in the province in terms of Agricultural focused schools is from Mopani – Merensky High School in Mopani West. We congratulate the teacher there, Last Nadia.

"We congratulate Iszabella Le Roux from Merensky High School for being the top student from a public school in the Hospitality Studies, having score 286 marks. We acknowledge the achievement of Lihani Vorster from Hoerskool Ben Vorster who is a top student in the Tourism studies with 289 marks. The two subjects have the potential to contribute to the priority economic sectors in the Province, but most importantly also in our district," he added.

He said the Municipality has budget R2,4 million to assist learners as they make transition to institutions of higher learning. "The advert is now out as we invite applications, and the closing date is 12 March 2021. Our emphatic message to young people of this district is that you will never walk alone."

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