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MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya intervenes as delays halt progress at Asiphumelele Special School

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya visited the Asiphumelele Special School in Sekhukhune East Education District. This is part of the ongoing oversight of the infrastructure development programmes rigorously undertaken by the department.

It is worth noting that Department of Basic Education has declared this academic year, "The Year of Inclusive Education," which links to the deliberate commitment in ensuring that all the primary stakeholders in the system of education are sufficiently catered for.

The MEC has continuously reiterated the need to drive a coordinated programme where all learners in the system are afforded the opportunity to learn in a conducive environment more where special education needs are to be taken into consideration.

The provision of quality and innovative education programmes for learners across all grades requires that all infrastructure projects must be completed without impediments as this affects the overall functioning of the system.

The Asiphumelele Special School was handed over to the contractor in October 2023, with intentions to complete the project in 2026 and the project has since stalled in April due to contractual disputes.

"Our visit here today was to get first hand information on the reasons behind the project delays and i can announce that through our interventions, the contractor should return to site by Friday," MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya said.

The 79 learners that are enrolled at the school are currently using temporary mobile classes and all walk-ins as there are no boarding facilities. The construction of the school includes boarding facilities and state of the art classroom fit for the learner's needs.

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