

## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

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## UPLIFTING WORDS FOR LIMPOPO MATRICULANTS AHEAD OF FINAL EXAMS

The Limpopo Provincial Government, in collaboration with key stakeholders in education, extended its heartfelt messages of support to matriculants as they prepare for their final exams commencing on Tuesday, 21 October 2025.

In a virtual prayer session attended by over 700 participants, various speakers, including MECs for Education, Transport and Community Services, the Deputy Speaker of the Limpopo Legislature and Members of the Provincial Legislature, underscored the importance of collective support for matriculants to ensure their success.

Premier Dr Phophi Ramathuba highlighted the province's responsibility towards the over 127,000 registered matriculants, emphasising the importance of creating favourable conditions for their academic success.

"Throughout the year, we have strengthened the pillars that drive learning outcomes," Premier Dr Ramathuba stated. "We have delivered new classrooms and renovated existing ones. Additionally, our school nutrition programme continues to provide essential support to students attending school under challenging conditions."

The Premier also noted the investments made in e-learning tools, weekend camps and revision programmes, celebrating the achievements of fifteen educators at the National Teaching Awards, which showcase the high calibre of teaching in Limpopo.

Major General Jan Scheepers from Limpopo SAPS reiterated the critical role of safety in education. He said: "Education is the gateway to transformation. A secure learning environment is essential for that transformation to take root. The SAPS, in collaboration with the Department of Education, remains committed to safeguarding learners and empowering school communities."

Bishop Naledzani Sikhwari of the South African Council of Churches (SACC) also addressed the learners, encouraging them to place their trust in God as they enter the examination room. Referring to Psalm 121:1-3, she reassured learners that their preparations have not been in vain and that divine oversight will guide them.

The theme of partnership resonated throughout the session, calling on parents, civil society, teachers and traditional leaders to create a conducive environment for learners' success.

With last year's impressive 85.1% pass rate set by the class of 2024, the class of 2025 is poised to exceed these standards and further elevate the province's educational achievements.

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