



DEPARTMENTAL BUDGET SPEECH (2017 /2018)



NW Department of Education & Sport Development 2017/18 Budget in a nutshell

North West Education & Sports Development MEC Jonas Sello Lehari has tabled his departmental 2017/18 budget activities.

Here are the highlights:

The budget is rolled up to **R15, 281,697 000.00** This is a **6.63% increase** on the 2016/17 budget of R14 331,224,000.15 With this significant increase, the department seeks to heed the call on the implementation of radical economic transformation as alluded to by the first citizen of the country Hon. President Jacob Zuma and further reiterated by the Premier of Bokone Bophirima, SOR Mahumapelo on his State of the Province Address. Part of these economic revolution pronouncements in the **Education and Sport Development Sector** include:

- ◆ **Industrialization of Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM)** to ensure that stationeries for learners in our schools are produced and distributed locally. The department will work with North West Development Corporation (NWDC) to realize this objective. **This comes with an allocation of R500 million for LTSM.**
- ◆ **Manufacturing and provision of animation toys as teaching aids at foundation phase.** This will also be in partnership with NWDC and other content developers from within the province to develop such animation instruments.
- ◆ **Industrialization of sport equipment.**

The department also seeks to further capacitate a total of 710 779 learners who are major beneficiaries of no-fee schools in quintiles 1,2 and 3 by an allocation of approximately **R836million.**

A total of R3, 301 314 million budget allocation will go towards training of School Governing Bodies (SGBs), School Management Teams (SMTs), Representative Council for Learners (RCLs), School Electorate Officers, printing of guiding documents for governance and management, monitoring and supporting schools.

National School Nutrition Programme receives an allocation of **R430, 976, 000 million** for the 2017/18 financial year. This a major boost of 5.9 per cent compared to the previous financial year. This poverty alleviation and social relief of distress programme by the department has in the past financial year provided nutritious meals to 7171 700 learners in primary, secondary and identified special schools in quintile 1-3, engaged 4 424 food handlers who received a R1000 stipend- another VTSD successful story. This year, this programme will feed 711 019 learners.

The collective agreement No1 of 2010 makes provision for the served appointment of qualified temporary educators who continuously functioned in substantive posts for more than 24 months and longer. This collective agreement is undergoing review in respect of the period to be considered for permanent appointment of temporary educators. In 2016, the department translated 2 051 temporary educators. About 61 office based employees have been appointed and the department envisages filling the remaining vacancies this financial year in ensuring that the department operates optimally.

For Further Education and Training (FET) band, an allocation of **R90, 941 583 million** has been set aside for school's curriculum and towards administrative activities intended for curriculum delivery. This also includes provision for Learner Attainment Improvement Plan (LAIP), School Based Assessments (SBAs), Incremental Introduction of African Languages (IIAL), development of guides to assist with content gaps for progressed learners and school camps.

R7.6 million is allocated for **School Library Multimedia services** to all the districts to cover rural schools, disadvantaged and small dorpias as well as purchasing reading books.

Mathematics Science and Technology Services (MSTs) received an allocation of **R39, 137,000 million** from the MST conditional grant to train teachers and increase the number of resources received by schools.

A total of **R 708, 37229 613 million** will be transferred to 24 independent schools qualifying for subsidy; and monitoring will be done and conducted on those 24 subsidised schools and 68 non- subsidised. Special Schools received an allocation of R561, 668 million for

establishment 16 full special schools, maintenance of 32 special schools, appointment of eight therapists and 20 non-teaching staff. Also, a conditional grant of R2, 963 041 million is set aside to benefit learners with severe to profound intellectual abilities.

Early Childhood Development as a National Development Plan priority, known as NDP 2030 is one of the primary objectives with an allocation of R586, 060 million. The North West province recognizes another pillar in the VTSD to ensure that the rural communities are at the forefront as beneficiaries in ECD provisioning. With Grade R enrolment gradually increasing, an incentive grant of R3, 557 000million has been set aside for Grade R child minders for the 207/18 financial year.

On infrastructure, MEC Lehari outlined a total allocation of **R1 076 331 billion** to reduce infrastructure backlogs. This budget will be rolled out towards activities such as;

- ◆ Planning of 17 and construction of 21 new multi-year projects and refurbished school projects,
- ◆ Construction of special schools and hostels
- ◆ Upgrades and additions in various schools

Examination and Associated Services which looks at successful administration of examinations according to curriculum requirements, has an allocation of **R 131 345 000 million** this financial year. This budget estimate is allocated to ensure that the planned activities for external and internal examinations can take place. In the 2016/17 financial year, this programme had an allocation of R124, 335 517.19.

Sport and Recreation which seeks to increase participation of marginalised communities and schools in line with VTSD approach has a budget allocation of **R131 586 000 million** for the implementation of in-school and out of school sports leagues. Other anticipated sporting activities include institutionalized and intended programs such as Maize cup, Boxing, COSAFA Cup as rolling out the newly relocated Recreation function fom Department of Culture, Arts and Traditional Affairs (CATA).



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