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2018/19 Budget in a nutshell

“Reclaiming Excellence”

North West Education & Sports Development MEC Jonas Sello Lehari has tabled his departmental 2018/19 budget activities.

Here are the highlights:

The budget is rolled up to **R16, 183, 868 billion**. This translates to an increase of **5, 9 %** to the 2017/18 budget of R15, 281, and 697 bn. Part of these economic revolution pronouncements in the Education and Sport Development Sector include:

- Hosting 140 graduate interns to assist in employee health and wellness, Mathematics and Science, homework assistants, public administration and auditing of school finances.
- 400 school administrative and general assistants will be trained in various programmes to enhance efficiency and effectiveness.
- 700 office-based employees will also receive training to enhance quality service delivery.
- 330 bursaries will be awarded to school-based employees to specialize in subject content, school management and administration.

Another key focus will is the rolling out of ICT Infrastructure to schools which includes the development of ICT systems and the training of schools to ensure the effective integration and usage of ICT Infrastructure in curriculum delivery. **A budget of R 21 596 000-00** has been set aside to achieve our goal.

Public Ordinary School Education is allocated a total of R12, 106, 920 billion which includes:

- **R27 million for teacher development:** 25 schools from the rural areas will benefit from the allocated budget.
- 19 Technical schools will be to provided with necessary equipment to take learners towards the desired entrepreneurial skills. The Technical Stream model will be presenting Grade 12 for the first time this year.
- A total of **R520,829,000 million has been allocated for Learner Teacher Support Material (LTSM)** for the provisioning of stationery for all grades, textbooks top-ups for all grades, provisioning of Grade 10 Literature for all secondary schools, textbooks for technical subjects and additional Workbooks for Grade R to Grade 9.

Currently, textbook delivery is at 98.4%. The outstanding textbooks are mainly for technical subjects which some titles were out of print. Orders were redirected to other publishers as well as printing some at Government Printing Works. The Department of Basic Education also circulated CDs to augment for the delay.

- **Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign (QLTC) has been allocated a sum of R2 443 414 million** which will be used to implement the QLTC Strategic framework. QLTC will continue to mobilize stakeholders to play their role in achieving good outcomes and improve the quality of education.
- **National School Nutrition Program (NSNP)** has been allocated A total of **R456 176 000 million** to feed 714 504 learners in 1332 quintile 1-3 schools. A total of 4 996 Food Handlers will be employed to prepare meals in schools. The current food handlers’ two-year contract ended on 31 March 2018. The programme managed to maintain and sustain 648 school vegetable gardens. The gardens were also used as a teaching and learning resource and to beautify the environment. Six vehicles were procured to assist in the monitoring of the programme, and ensuring provisioning of the balanced diet.

Independent School Subsidies has an allocation of R31 331 000 which will be transferred on quarterly basis.

Another major highlight is the **Public Special School Education which has a budget allocation of R623, 809 million** which among others will resource 13 extra Full Service Schools and to establish four special schools as resource centres. The department will also ensure the running and maintenance of 32 Special Schools, appointment of 44 professional support staff and 20 non-professional support staff in these public special schools.

Provisioning of assistive devices, toiletry inclusive sanitary towels on monthly basis, learner transport subsidy, as well as the provisioning of specialized vehicle for a special school will be considered.

Targeted care centres will increase from 9 to 19 and an additional Outreach Team will be appointed. 380 Learners with Severe to Profound Intellectual Disabilities at 19 targeted care centres will be introduced to the Learning programme and will access therapeutic and psycho-social support services that will enable them to improve their participation in learning.

Early Childhood Development as a National Development Plan priority, known as NDP 2030 is one of the primary objectives with an allocation of **R625, 436 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. Out of the allocation of the 2018/19 financial year, ECD intends to resource 275 schools, intensify training of existing practitioners and also CAPS implementation for Grade R teachers. In addition from the allocated funds, there will be provision of educational resources that include a jungle gym, slide, swing and educational toys for 540 schools in VTSD areas.

Over and above that, 358 classroom assistants would be appointed for VTSD Grade R classes on a monthly stipend of R1 850 and 4 head office-based ECD data capturers on a R4 000 stipend with two percent of the classroom assistant being persons with disability.

On infrastructure, MEC Lehari outlined a total allocation of **R1,004,996 billion** to reduce infrastructure backlogs. This budget will be rolled out towards activities such as;

- R 52 million is budgeted for planning of nine (9) schools and R386 508 million for construction of 19 multi-year new and replacement of schools’ projects which are already underway.
- R14 million for the planning of repairs and renovations of two (2) hostels and R37 million for construction and renovation of two (2) hostels. The construction of North West School for the Deaf classrooms and hostels has reached practical completion. R300 166 000 million is budgeted for upgrades and additions in various Schools. The department is committed to deliver the following schools:
 - Thulare Secondary with a Hostel,
 - Extension of I.B. Damons Primary,
 - New Relebogile Primary, and
 - Extension of Kosea Moeka Primary.
 - As we try to reduce small schools and improve the quality of education for farm learners, we are starting with plans to build a mega farm school Dr Kenneth Kaunda at Rysmierbult.
 - Renaming, renovation and the extension of Hebron Primary School.

In recognition of the significant impact that the HIV and AIDS pandemic has, **Life Skills HIV and AIDS Programme** has been accomodated to receive **R17 884 000 million hundred** for 2018/19. The budget will be used to train teachers on comprehensive sexuality education and TB prevention, implement care and support for vulnerable learners to mitigate the impact of barriers to learning. It will also be used to appoint and train Learner Support Agents and advocate National Policy on HIV, STIs and TB. Just for noting, there is a recommended international impact study on the teachers’ and learners’ health knowledge of Tuberculosis and HIV/AIDS on the functioning of schools.

Sport Development which seeks to increase participation of marginalised communities and schools in line with VTSD approach has a budget allocation of **R142 463 million** to accelerate the implementation of school sport, school enrichment, recreation, community sport and high performance programs for mass participation. Three municipalities in the province (Tswaing, Naledi and Madibeng) are allocated a sum total of more than R32 million as integral part of their Municipal Infrastructure Grant to build sport facilities. These municipalities are, and have already committed that these funds will strictly be used for the intended purpose of ensuring creation of an enabling environment for accessibility and development of sport.

