

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR THE EXECUTIVE MAYOR OF THABO
MOFUTSANYANA DISTRICT MUNICIPALITY, DR B.E. MZANGWA,
DURING THE LAUNCH OF CAREER AND VOCATIONAL GUIDANCE AT
MALUTI FET COLLEGE – KWETLISONG CAMPUS, PHUTHADITJHABA**

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Programme Director

Premier of the Free State Province, Honourable Ace Magashule

Members of the Executive Committee of the Free State Province

Executive Mayors and Mayors, Speakers, Councillors

The Chief Executive Officer of ServiceSeta – Dr S. Moon

School principals, educators and learners

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen,

Today, we feel greatly honoured as the district of Thabo Mofutsanyana to be the host of the launch of the Career and Vocational Guidance Programme, which is aimed at exposing learners to the skills development programmes aligned to careers that they can venture into.

This is a strong indication that our provincial government, under the leadership of our Honourable Premier Ace Magashule has its own heart set on seeing our district emerging as a success story in creating of an avalanche of educational, employment and economic opportunities for our youth.

Last year two significant events aimed at presenting opportunities available for our youth were held in this very same district of ours,

which is the birthplace of political stalwart the late Edwin Thabo Mofutsanyana. First, it was the Rural Career Guidance Exhibition for the youth in the rural areas. It was then followed by Services Seta Summit, which was aimed at discussing training and growth opportunities for the Co-operatives, of which youth were the most important part of it.

Programme Director, today here we are once more having learners from various corners of this district attending this auspicious function of the launch of the career and vocational guidance programme. For all of us in this district this points to an unlocked door of opportunities and chances, which need to be grabbed by all of our might for our own benefit and our future.

Dear learners, the future is in your hands. With all of these variety of career choices presented to you not only today but even in the days, weeks and months to come, make use of this opportunity and believe you have what it takes to be successful in life.

The great Mahatma Gandhi, who led India to independence once said, “Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.”

Programme Director, among other opportunities available to us in the District of Thabo Mofutsanyana is the existence of a Further Education and Training College just at our doorstep. With campuses in at least three major areas of Phuthaditjhaba, Harrismith and Bethlehem - Maluti FET College is our own institution that we are proud of, hence we would like to encourage learners to also consider

it as a higher learning institute of choice with skills development that can be aligned to the careers they want to venture into.

In stressing the important role played by FET Colleges in empowering learners with skills needed in the workplace, I would like to quote the words of President Jacob Zuma, who said, “FET colleges offer training in careers that are in demand in the workplace. If you are an artisan you are as important to this economy as any other professional.”

In conclusion, let me encourage all of you to make use of all these opportunities available to us in order to make our own future brighter and brighter.

Thank you