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PSA congratulates Limpopo Class of 2023

The PSA in Limpopo congratulates the Class of 2023 of Limpopo for achieving a pass rate of 79.5%.

The province has shown commendable improvements since 2021 from 66.7% to 72.1% and now achieving almost 80%, moving from the bottom position to number seven of all provinces. Limpopo was also the most improved province in the country and the best learner comes from the province.

The PSA commends learners for their dedication, parents for their support, and educators as well the management of the Department of Education for their relentless pursuit of excellence. The introduction of weekend and afternoon classes coupled with study camps assisted the province to achieve this remarkable feat. It is, however, still concerning that despite this achievement, two of the lowest performing schools are in the province and their performance remains below par.

Playing its part in assisting learners in 2023, the PSA in Limpopo donated 300 solar-rechargeable lights to disadvantaged Grade-11 and -12 learners at three schools in rural areas. This intervention allowed these learners to continue with their studies during loadshedding periods, aiding in their success, as most did not have alternative energy. Of the three schools, only two have Grade 12 learners and improved on their results from 2022.

Education is a societal issue, and the PSA calls on businesses and organisations to assist needy learners in the province to create a better future. Whilst celebrating the success of learners, it is equally important to acknowledge and support and encourage learners who may not have achieved the desired outcomes. The Department is therefore called on to work together with the Department of Social Development to ensure the provision of counselling services to learners, where necessary. The PSA also calls for assistance for those who, owing to their age, might not be accepted back to schools to offer them an opportunity to succeed.

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