

## **Oversight Visit by the Deputy Minister, Honourable Mr. Buti Manamela**

The Limpopo Community Education and Training College (LCETC) had the distinct honour of hosting the Deputy Minister of Higher Education, Science and Innovation, Honourable Mr. Buti Manamela, during his oversight visit to the Mapeloana Community Learning Centre (MCLC), one of the college's centres located in the Capricorn District. The purpose of the Deputy Minister's visit was to assess the state of readiness for the 2025 academic year. Upon arrival, he was warmly received by Deputy Director-General (DDG) Ms. T. Futshane, Limpopo Regional Manager Mr. F.L. Ramonyatse, LCETC Acting Principal Mr. S.P. Sebetlene, members of the college's management team, and other key stakeholders.



As part of the day's programme, Mr. Sebetlene presented an overview of the college's progress, initiatives, and strategic direction. The Deputy Minister showed keen interest throughout the presentation, engaging actively by asking insightful questions. Mr. Ramonyatse, the Regional Manager, served as the programme director for the event.



Student representation was also part of the proceedings. Ms. P.T. Njikelana, Secretary General of the LCETC Student Representative Council (SRC), addressed the gathering to highlight some of the challenges students are facing in their learning and teaching journey. She also expressed gratitude for the continued support and dedication of the college leadership in improving the student experience. A perspective from the academic staff was shared by Union Representative Mr. S.M. Kola, who outlined the challenges lecturers are experiencing within the college. He also acknowledged the significant progress and achievements made by LCETC in recent years.





An open discussion among all stakeholders followed, creating a platform for collective reflection and solution-seeking. The session concluded with remarks from the Deputy Minister, who commended the college's efforts and reiterated the importance of community education in building a skilled and empowered society. Professor M Kola, Deputy Chairperson of the LCETC Council, delivered a formal vote of thanks to close the programme.

Before his departure, the Deputy Minister, accompanied by the DDG, visited one of the centre's mobile classrooms to interact with students. He offered words of encouragement and motivation, reinforcing the Department's commitment to supporting their educational journey.

