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KZN DARD'S STRATEGY FOR AGRARIAN TRANSFORMATION COMES TO LIFE IN UMZIMKHULU

Wasbank Junior Secondary school pupils in Umzimkhulu, turned a new page in their approach to learning and education on 31 May 2016. No longer will the old conventional ways of teaching and learning be the only source to information. As the world is becoming one global space, new methods of learning are being realized on a daily basis and the agricultural sector has embraced this phenomenon which would be pivotal in the development of the farmer in the Province.

The KZN Department of Agriculture and Rural Development lead by MEC Cyril Xaba through its rural development wing, officially donated and handed over 31 computers and a data projector to the pupils of Wasbank Junior Secondary School. Part of their planned curriculum is to institute to the scholars that agriculture is a science and a business.

The donation of these computers to the school came about in November 2015 when MEC Xaba visited the area on a launch of a partnership to support farmers in Umzimkhulu. Upon visiting the school, MEC Xaba realized that the school had a computer lab with no equipment yet it was in the heart of an agricultural area. This was when he committed to donate 30 computers to the school to enhance the learning methods and bring it up to speed with the rest of the more advanced schools.

"The future of agriculture lies in the hands of the youth and what better way to invest in the youth than introducing them to new technologies, as I always say in the Strategy for Agrarian Transformation, technology is one of the key pillars of its success and that's what we aim to achieve with such innovations" said MEC Xaba.

Please read more in MEC Xaba's speech...



MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba together Umzimkhulu Local Municipality CIRR Mphuthumi Mpabanga, Department of Education District Manager Mr DJ Sibisi, Agriculture and Rural Development District Manager Mrs Mvusi and Wasbank Junior Secondary School Principal Mr Zwezwe and Students during the handover of school computers



MEC for KZN Agriculture and Rural Development Mr Cyril Xaba, addressing the Wasbank Junior Secondary School students



MEC Cyril Xaba together with Umzimkhulu Local Municipality Clrr Mphuthumi Mpabanga, Department of Education District Manager Mr DJ Sibisi and Wasbank Junior Secondary School Principal Mr Zwezwe, testing the computers



MEC Cyril Xaba assisting students with the new computers

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