

R250m farm school under way

Community excited as construction begins

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THE public works, roads and transport and education provincial departments have joined hands to intensify the education system by building schools across the province.

A move towards this was sealed in Machadodorp near Belfast on Friday when MEC's Dikeledi Mhlangu and Reginah Mhaule teamed up with the Emakhaseni local municipality's mayor Xolani Sydney Ngwenya during a sod turning ceremony for the construction of the Emakhaseni Boarding School.

The provincial authorities said the R250m project would be completed by April next year. It would mainly target children from nearby farms.

It would consist of 24 classrooms, administration block, library and science laboratory as well as sleeping units

and sports facilities and would help to improve the results of the Grade 12 pupils.

Mhlangu said she would ensure that the school's completion took place timeously.

"We are committed to ensure the school be finished on time. It will be partially handed over in January 2014 and in April 2014, the school will be completed in full. The school belongs to the community and they must make sure that it is taken care of," Mhlangu said.

Mhaule said she was thrilled about the school's construction and the facility would certainly be helpful to the pupils.

"I cannot wait for the construction to be finalised. I have seen the plans and from my perspective, I believe the school will be a suitable environment



FOR THE CHILDREN: MEC's Reginah Mhaule left, Dikeledi Mhlangu and mayor Xolani Sydney Ngwenya conduct a sod turning ceremony for a boarding school's construction.

for our children to study," Mhaule said, extremely excited that we will have such a beautiful school in our backyard. Mayor Sydney Ngwenya said: "As the Emakhaseni community, we are indeed our children will be motivated.

"We will make sure that there is no vandalism."

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