

## R66m school infrastructure

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THE education department in the province has set aside R66m that will be used for school infrastructure development.

The department said the money would be used to accelerate construction, maintenance, upgrading and rehabilitation of new and existing infrastructure in schools.

It said school infrastructure remained a priority, owing to the growing demand for space and the need to replace buildings that were built with inappropriate materials.

Education MEC Tate Makgoe said the department would in this financial year start with the construction of schools in Tweeling, Bothaville and Frankfort.

"In this financial year we will also construct a special school in Trompsburg," Makgoe said.

"We have already handed over this

project to the public works and infrastructure department for implementation."

He said construction of Kopanelang Thuto Primary School in Sasolburg and Umcebo Primary School in Memel was complete and cost the department R25m and R47m respectively.

Both schools are now operational.

He said in the past three years the department had been revamping the workshops of technical and comprehensive schools by providing resources and materials, increasing the participation of pupils in this stream and encouraging them to follow careers in this sector.

"Our goal is to improve conditions and modernise technical schools to meet the teaching requirements of pupils in technical fields," Makgoe said.

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