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Public Works Minister renovates his former school



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Public Works Minister Nkosinathi Nhleko celebrated international Nelson Mandela day by leading a team of artisans from the Department's workshop in renovating the Ndabayakhe Primary school in Empangeni, KwaZulu Natal on 18 July 2017.

The Minister put together a special task team to source donations from various sponsors. The sponsors made donations ranging from materials, discounts, clothing, labour and an amount of R250 000 cash which was deposited into a special account at hardware to buy materials.

The renovated school will not only assist the learners concentrate better, but it will also encourage the community at large to value education. Before the renovation work, the school was badly damaged with broken windows, missing doors, falling chalk boards, and damaged electrical wiring.

The renovations include painting, electrical rewiring and fittings, carpentry and joinery, barge boards and fascia boards, glazing and window servicing.

The Minister also donated building materials in his own personal capacity to an indigent family in the area of Ndabayakhe after he was approached by the family through the ward councillor Mthunzi Mathenjwa for materials to fix their home which had deteriorated over time. In his address to the community, Minister Nhleko pleaded with the community to look after the renovated school, which he attended during his youth.

The Minister also announced that the school will now have a 24 hour security service, offered for free by a local security company. This after the school was broken into and vandalised a number of times, which led to the electricity wiring being damaged.