

Department hands over multimillion rand school

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THE Department of Education in the Eastern Cape officially opened and handed over the multimillion rand Dilizintaba Senior Secondary School in Tsolo, last week.

The chairperson for the Department of Public Works, Pumeza Mpushe, officiated at the handover on behalf of the MEC for the Department of Education, Mandla Makuphula, who was not present.

Mpushe said the school got a new structure as part of the current government's redressing the imbalances of the past programmes.

"It was named after Chief Mditshwa Dilizintaba, who was the chief of the area when the school was established.

"The department spent so much money with the aim of changing the lives of our chil-

dren.

"This school also has a science lab which would make a big change to them.

"We are appealing to parents and learners to ensure that they don't burn these classrooms when they are complaining about service delivery because this is their property," said Mpushe.

The district manager in the Department of Education, Nomthandazo Dyodo, said this school is also used as the centre by the Department since they host winter and spring school there.

"We are very proud because it was a wooden structure before but now it has totally changed to the best structure.

"It also consists of 19 classrooms meaning that it will be easy for the Department to accommodate learners," said Dyodo.

She added that in the OR Tambo District

they were still facing a lot of challenges, particularly drug abuse and teenage pregnancy.

Dyodo said they were trying by all means to fight this behaviour because it destroyed the future of the next generation.

The chairperson for the school governing body, Thabani Mavela, said that they did not know that the department would bring such a change to their locality.

"What I can say is that the number of learners will increase in our school because of this structure.

"I can also assure you that parents will work together with the teachers to ensure the school achieve better results at the end of the year.

"We are asking parents to show cooperation as much as they can so that their children can focus on their books," Mavela concluded.



New classrooms which were built by the Department of Education in Dilizintaba Senior Secondary School in Tsolo.

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