

# Multimillion rand school to open in 2020

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**F**oundations, superstructure brickwork and the installation of services are underway at the construction site of the R68 million Disa Road Primary School in Altena Road, Strand.

Construction commenced on 8 July last year, following an administrative period, according to Byron la Hoe, spokesperson for the provincial Department of Transport and Public Works.

“The project is due for completion at the end of 2019, allowing the new school building to be occupied early in 2020,” he said.

He added that the school will accommo-

date up to 1 240 learners and will replace the existing Altena Primary School.

La Hoe said the total building area will be approximately 5 600 m<sup>2</sup>, and there will be four Grade R classrooms, 12 foundation phase classrooms, 12 intermediate phase classrooms, four senior phase classrooms, two multi-purpose classrooms, a science laboratory, a multimedia centre, an administration building, a hall as well as ablutions and ancillary functions.

“There was limited space for a sports field, so a ‘kick-about’ field is planned, together with physical training slabs in the school’s courtyards,” La Hoe said.

The cost of the project is currently esti-

mated at R68 575 000.

Asked whether there were any delays in the project, La Hoe stated there had been some community dissatisfaction regarding the appointment of a community liaison officer, but this issue has since been resolved.

He confirmed that during the construction phase approximately 80 people are being employed, including the contractor, sub-contractor and local labourers.

Staff for the school will come from the existing Altena Primary School.

The construction of the school is one of 22 provincial government projects underway this year.



Safety officer Nomisisi Thelma Dlathu points at the construction site of the new Disa Road Primary School in Strand. PHOTO: YASEEN GAFFAR