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## **SPEAKER NOTE BY MEC MATSEMELA AT THE LAUNCH OF THE YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AT RUSTENBURG NORTH PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### **PROTOCOL GREETINGS**

A very good morning to you all. It gives me great pleasure to be here today to launch one of the core elements in this country, which is youth empowerment.

Ladies and gentlemen, we would have failed a huge mandate as a government if we do not expose our youth to what we call economic freedom. The very freedom that change lives and contributes to the social workforce. Let me start off by sharing with what youth empowerment is.

Youth empowerment is creating a platform that enables young people to obtain skills and knowledge to better their lives whilst at the same time rendering a service.

As you understand this concept, you will also understand our drive as a caring government is to alleviate poverty, curb unemployment by equipping young people with jobs so as to earn a living.

We cannot shy away from the truth that the more we encourage our young people to get educated, there is indeed high demand of unemployment. For this

reason, as North West Department of Education we asked for budget projection with Treasury to specifically create job opportunities for growth and development amongst youth.

We believe young people are at the forefront of change and innovation with the spirit of making it happen. They just need space to excel.

With the R9million given to us, we hope that all the 1, 421 of you that are chosen to be agents of change performing as general assistants and child minders at our schools you will carry the mandate well.

To the childminders, yours is to give reliable and affordable childcare. Those Little souls are the heart of the nation. Parents expect the best out of us with their children. This includes, child safety and access to good quality childcare and a good early education that will lay a great foundation to primary schooling.

To the general assistants, it is true that cleanliness is next to godliness. A well-maintained school environment is a clinical and therapeutic form to every individual.

May you take care of the school environment and make every day a Letsema day.

As we launch this project today we say, long live to the spirit of development.

Thank you.