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DSAC HOSTS DISTRICTS SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS



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The Department of Sport, Arts and Culture held the Districts Athletics Championships games over the weekend. Learners from all districts, with the exception of Capricorn, participated in the games. These games will culminate in the provincial championships.

MEC for Sport, Arts and Culture, In Mopani and Vhembe, MEC Onicca Moloi, personally attended the games in Nkowa-Nkowa (Mopani District) and Makhado (Vhembe Districts). In Sekhukhune and Waterburg Districts, the department sent delegations of senior officials. The Capricorn District will host its games this weekend in Polokwane.

Moloi encouraged youngsters to take sport seriously. "People like Caster Semenya started running at the school level. She took athletics seriously, today she's a world champion and she's making a living out of athletics," said MEC Moloi.

From Nkowa-Nkowa in Mopani, MEC Moloji proceeded to Hoerskool Louis Trichardt in the Vhembe District.



The MEC committed that government will always support athletes. She also said in March, her Department and the Department of Education will sign a Memorandum of Understanding that will clearly outline the roles of the two departments in school sport.

Currently, the two departments have their own separate school sport programmes, and MEC Moloji and MEC Ishmael Kgetjepe agree that these programmes should be coordinated. "We want our province to produce a lot of athletes who will participate at the 2022 Commonwealth Games in Durban. It starts now," said MEC Moloji.



DISTRICTS SCHOOL ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS HIGHLIGHTS



(Top) Concentrating ... Mec Mloi with Vhembe District Sport leadership... (down) Waterberg District Technical officials smiling to the camera and enjoying their work



