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MEC MASEKO ENGAGED WITH WATERBERG SPORT STAKEHOLDERS

During the robust engagement at Mogalakwena Municipality, MEC Funani Jerry Maseko and stakeholders focused on critical aspects of school sport development, community leagues, and social cohesion through sports. The key highlights of the discussion include the revitalization of School Sport Development. MEC Maseko emphasized the need to strengthen school sports as the foundation for identifying and nurturing talent.

In collaboration with the Department of Education, MEC Maseko said plans in place to enhance cooperation between the Department of Sport, Arts, and Culture, and the Department of Education to ensure adequate resources for school teams. In terms of Coaching and Infrastructure Support, MEC Maseko indicated that to enhance participation and performance, there is a critical need for more qualified coaches and improved sports in schools.

MEC Maseko further made his commitment to supporting and formalizing local leagues to ensure structured and consistent sporting activities at the community level. MEC emphasized the role of sports in promoting unity "It is imperative to utilize sport as a social cohesion tool in addressing social ills and challenges and fostering peaceful coexistence among different communities". "Sport is identified as an effective way to keep young people engaged and away from crime, substance abuse, and other social ills" he further said.

MEC Maseko committed to engaging further with relevant stakeholders to implement these initiatives effectively. He also encouraged community involvement in shaping the future of school sports, local leagues, and social cohesion projects.

Meeting Details:  **Venue: Mogalakwena Municipal Chamber, Waterberg District**

 **Date: 24 March 2025**

 **Time: 10:00**

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