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**PRESENTATION ON RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL**

**IN DRYHARTS VILLAGE: MOLEHABANGWE MIDDLE**

**INTRODUCTION:**

My name is Jacob Charles Mvula. A attended a Farm –School to obtain my Primary levels at Ganspan Primary. We used to walk a distance of 18 km to and from school on foot. It was very ironic because we; the black children had to walk on foot to school come rain come shine- during winter, we were forced to persevere the biting winter wind to school. It became more painful when we had to pass- by whites- only school to proceed to our blacks-only. It was a distance far away from the place called home.

White families had two, three or even four vehicles at their homes. Their children were provided with a school –bus each section of the area. The school buses carried them to school. Sometimes we fell victims of those children coming back from the make-shift school being very hungry and tired due to long walk. They threw the apples at us wherever the bus passed us. The would burst in laughter’s when they hit the targets. We had no choice, we picked the apples and ate; to us they were a rare-find. Our black families, especially we from families of labourers and apple were very out of reach for us.

I used to listen to Jimmy Cliff singing; “too many people are suffering, too little people get everything whilst too many get nothing” and I would long for the remaking of the world. I completer my lower primary in the year 1974. I proceeded to a small township called Jankempddoup in 1975. This township was also surrounded by farms. White –farmers would come to our school and collect black learners in their in their trucks to go and pick cotton as a cheap labour.

I completed my matric in 1988

I obtained my teachers diploma in 1992

I obtained the further diploma in education management in the year from Rands Afrikaans University known as (RAU).

Finally I obtained my bed (HOD Education management in year at RAU today known as University of Johannesburg (UJ)

I worked as an educator at Sekate Mahura Middle School IN 1993-19 March 2001( Dryharts village)therefor I was promoted to be a Principal of Molehabangwe Middle School-19 March 2001-25 October 2009 ( Dryharts Village)

School –back grounds

Chief Motlhamare Jerry Mahura now late was given building bricks as a donation by corrobrick to build himself a house; instead the late chief being caring and generous as he was. He decided to donate the bricks to the community to build a school. The school was named Molehabangwe Middle School. It started to operate in 1981. It is situated just in the middle of the village.

The school was close down due to rationalization because our government works with only two types of schools being primary and secondary.

Reasons to re-open the school

* The village is growing rapidly towards the North. This is caused by the influx of former farm workers who after being exploited by white farmers;they were expelled from the farm they had no place to stay except coming to Dryharts in an object poverty. Most of them cannot afford transports to freely their children to nearby school beings Molemoeng Primary. The distance from Molemoeng Primary to the last house is 3,6km a single trip. A child of four-eleven years has to walk a distance of 7, 2.km to and from school daily. This is increasing truancy at the school. It is also dangerous for the children of such tender age to walk for such distance.

Remember what happened to Leticia Jansen may her soul rest in peace. After being aducted and abused; she was murdered.

I don’t think we want this thing to repeat itself unless we see things through one eye.

Remember an Afrikaans expression says; “indie land van die blindes, is in ‘n man met een oog ‘n koning”.

I don’t think we are that blind to see the truth.

We remember the episode of virgin and a sold-bag if you serod them around South Africa and they come back in one piece and its tact; you will know that you have succedded in this land of rapists, thieves and murderers. Let us be proactive and not reactive.

* Another reason to re-open the school is to reduce overcrowding that is being experienced at Molemoeng Primary where there is overcrowding. There is illdiscipline and it will be in classas they are not equally gifted. Some are fast some are averaged and some are slow.

We need to prioritise their education

The Bible says “if your child asks for bread doesn’t give him stone. If he asks for fish, don’t give him snake”. Let’s give the best education that we can.

* Re –opening the school ladies and gentleman will help the community to make use of the discussed building. We all know that the discussed building in the middle of the village can turn in to a haven of criminals where criminal activities take place.
* Re-opening of school will create a job opportunity for a young community members to be an administrative assistant (AA)
* Re-opening the school will create job opportunity for three community members as food handlers
* Re opening the school will create job opportunity for one community member as a general cleaner at (admin block) (GA)
* Re- opening the school will create job opportunity for one community member as grounds man
* Re –opening the school will create job opportunity for educators

The facility is available and needs some renovations

It has a bore hole with a machine that is functional

The new toilets blocks are available. It only needs to be converted to the size of primary children

Dryharts being big village has three sections

* Lohatlheng has a Primary i.e Dryharts Priamry
* Pompong has a primary i.e Molemoeng Primary
* Tlhogoyapudi does not have a school therefore Molehabangwe Middle School can be tirned in to a third Primary. The name Molehabangwe Primary be retained to preserve the legacy of the late Chief Motlhamare Jerry Mahuara

I wish all those who are still dating a very wonderful and blessed Valentine’s Day

I want to thank Chief Tshepo Mankuroane and Chief Lehatshe Molale of the Baphuduhucwana Traditional Council in Taung for the support they gave

***Thank you***

***J.C Mvula***