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### Media Statement

**The District Municipality distances itself on awarding R10, 000 to top matriculants achievers of 2017.**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018, the Executive Mayor of Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality, Department of Education and Sports Development, and other esteemed stakeholders hosted Annual Mayoral Matric awards Programme at Uurpan Safari Lodge in Schweize-Reneke. At this watershed ceremony, the top 14 matriculants achievers of 2017 were only awarded laptops and certificates of appreciation.

This clarity comes following the last week report that was published on page 10 of the Semphete government newspaper that, one of the learners complained to the media stating that the Executive Mayor has not awarded them R10, 000 each as promised. The District Municipality is herewith emphatically deny an incorrect report and dismiss such allegation made while putting the record straight that it has only awarded laptops and certificates to the top achievers as no financial commitment has ever preferred by the Executive Mayor of the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompoti District Municipality.

It is our hope that this communication will go some way to address any uncertainty that may have caused by the unfortunate Semphete report.

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