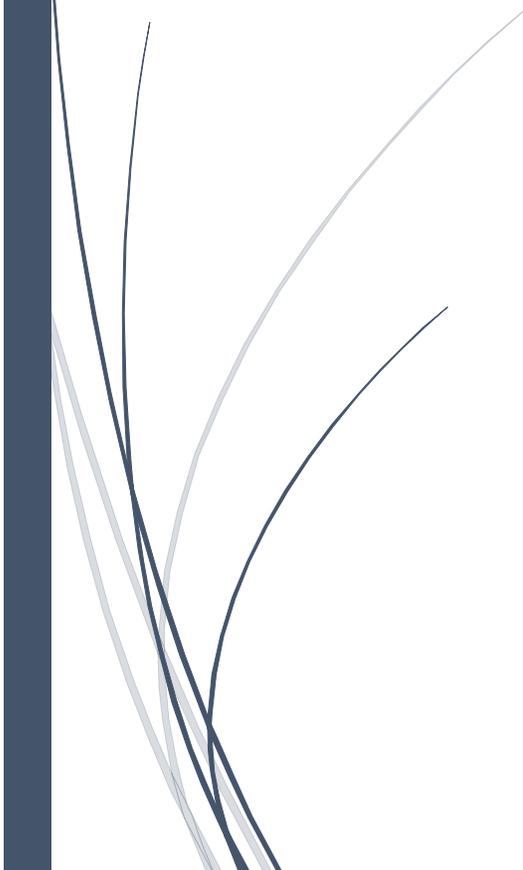


Address by Cllr Philemon Nare during the farewell of Nwamakhathi Margaret Mphephu at Jenita's Hall on Friday 02 December 2016.



Programme Director
Schools Principals
Teachers
Members of the School Governing Body
Learners
Invited guests
And everyone present here today
I greet you all.

I am highly honored to deliver this farewell speech on behalf of Musina Municipality. We are all here to bid farewell to our exceptional teacher and a mentor who is today retiring from active service. Today, we have all realized how time flies.

Nne Vho-Mphephu ndi vha fanyisa na khandela line la duga la fhelela li tshi khou itela u nea vhanwe vhathu tshedza. Mishumo yavho mivhuya ro i vhone. Na Bivhili yo amaba yari: "Inwi ni tshedza tsha shango. Mudi u re kha thavha a u koni u dzumbama. Ni songo funga denzhe na li tiba nga tshirundu. Denzhe kha li vheiwe khagala uri li kone u vhone tshela vhothe vha re nduni."

It gives me great pleasure to say that we must recognize, respect and appreciate all the valuable skills and knowledge our dear teacher had imparted onto our learners and to thank her for all her efforts and hard work.

Ndi zwone, muthu u tea u khodiwa a tshi kha di tshila. Vho shuma zwo lingana. Kha ri tende uri zwino ndi tshifhinga tsha u ya u awela.

Of course, I know how painful it is, to say goodbye to someone who is less of a teacher but more of a mother. However, we all need to express our sincerest gratitude to her for all her uncommon contributions to realizing the educational programmes and development of the community.

Ndi a tenda uri havha vhadededzi vhaswa vha do fara lubada vha isa phanda na mishumo mivhuya ye Vho-Mphephu vha i thoma. Ngangoho vha tou vha lizhakandila li sa fanyisiwi na linwe, mushumi wa biko vhukuma.

The 33 years she had spent imparting the right skills and knowledge onto the learners, seems like she started teaching yesterday. I have no doubt in my mind to say that she is an achiever, open-minded, generous, knowledgeable, modest, courageous, responsible and highly respected teacher.

Vhathu vha vhudiimiseli vhu no fana na ha Vho-Mphephu vha ya konda u wanala kha profession ya teaching musala uno.

With her vast wealth of experience in making quick decisions in a very hostile situation, which she demonstrated during the difficult times, the school was able to overcome if not all, some of the difficulties. Thank you Vho-Mphephu for making learning easier and enjoyable.

Throughout her stay in Makushu Primary School since 1990, she was an outstanding tutor, and committed to promoting excellence in the education sector. All her achievements brought nothing but fame to the name of the school. Indeed, we are proud of your many achievements, and they have inspired us to always think big.

Namusi ri tshi khou amba hu na vhana vhanzhi vho bvelelaho nge Vho-Mphephu vha shela mulenzhe. Vhanwe ndi vhadededzi, manese, madokotela, vho-ramilayo na dzinwe dzi profession dzo fhambanaho. Rine sa maspala ri vhona zwo tea uri ri vha khode ngauri vho shuma vhukuma u bveledza reliable workforce kha shango lashu.

Indeed Vho-Mphephu, your exceptional qualities have inspired us in so many ways. This, we will all remember you for, and the sweet memories that we had together in the teaching profession will remain in our hearts forever.

Vho-Mphephu, we thank you for teaching your subjects with a passion. You have put in great efforts in instilling tolerance, kindness and patience in the teaching generation. You have worked tirelessly and now it is time to enjoy all that you have labored for all over the years. As you join the senior citizens of this great country, I pray for your good health.

And may you find life after retirement a happy moment with lot of beautiful memories. Knowing fully that you are now going to concentrate on your crèche and preschool on fulltime basis, I have no doubt that your academic knowledge and skills will be used well in building a greater nation and a healthy place for all to live.

On behalf of Musina Municipality, I wish you good luck and all the best for the rest of your life as you bow out after spending meritorious 33 doing what you know best.

Thank you.