

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATORS' UNION PRESS STATEMENT ON THE RELEASE OF THE 2013 ANNUAL NATIONAL ASSESSMENT (ANA) RESULTS

The Professional Educators' Union (PEU) joins the country in welcoming and accepting the release of the 2013 ANA results by the Honourable Minister Angie Motshekga this morning.

The outcomes provide the country with a tool to reflect on the teaching and learning in our schools and the direction taken by our education system, and further enable all role players to come up with intervention strategies on areas calling for urgent attention to improve performance.

As PEU, we are honestly imbued with courage on the general performance and improvement in the achievement of our learners, particularly in the foundation phase, which is a positive sign of hope and optimistic guaranteed bright future for our country. However, the poor performance in the Grade 9 Mathematics in particular, is a serious concern that calls upon a thorough introspection by all of us, with an endeavour to come up with strategies to turn the situation around. Observation of outstanding achievements demonstrated by learners taught in Home Language asserts the fact that learning through foreign Language remains a barrier to most of our learners. We therefore as PEU, welcomes and rally behind the Minister's effort to pilot introduction of African Languages in grade1 for the academic year of 2014.

PEU further congratulates all the foot soldiers in the rank and file of Department of Basic Education ,for the amount of effort put to ensure that it is all systems go in the running of the ANA examinations, thereby ensuring credibility of the outcomes. We

also congratulate all schools who performed exceptionally good in this year 's ANA examinations, with special accolades showered to Sakhile Primary School, led by one of our members of National Executive Committee, Gladys Selepe, for the staging an outstanding achievement.

To all schools and teachers who experienced poor performance, there is always a room for improvement.

As PEU, we will, as we did before, support and avail ourselves to any programme that DBE comes up with, in an endeavour to turn the situation around.

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