

Grade 12 motivational notes for Hon Sasekani Manzini (MPL), MEC of Public Works, Roads and Transport.

Principal, thank you for affording me an opportunity to speak to the future of South Africa.

I come here to extend my well wishes to the class of 2016

These young men and women are going to a very decisive battle in their lives. The story of grade 12 for many people determines whether you make or you don't, in life.

The best we, who have travelled this route can do is to motivate and prepare them for battle that lies before them

I come here as someone who grew up here in the dusty streets of Madrass to say to you it is possible. It can be done! Victory is possible!

I did it! The most important thing is to plan and have the correct mental attitude. To have a correct mental attitude one needs to understand the importance of the war or battle one is going to.

Education is extremely important! This has been said by different people, but I will today quote for you 3:

The Chinese say:

"If you are planning for a year, sow rice; if you are planning for a decade, plant trees; if you are planning for a lifetime, educate people"

Our icon President Nelson Mandela said:

"Education is the great engine of personal development. It is through education that the daughter of a peasant can become a doctor, that the son of a mine worker can become the head of the mine that a child of farm workers can become the president of a great nation. It is what we have, not what we are given, that separates one person from another."

President Zuma, said in the 2013 state of the nation address:

"All successful societies have one thing in common – they invested in education"

If you understand the above mentioned quotes and internalise them, you will all realise that these exams are about a better tomorrow and possible lifetime.

So students must do the right thing and study.

They must not focus on socio-economic conditions of their family or the areas we find ourselves in. Infact the best of people who run the country and the world come from rural areas like ours.

After you have studied and passed the ANC government offers the following:

NSFAS for you to study if you are poor

Bursaries from the Provincial Government, National Government and Municipalities (District)

Learnerships in different government departments

These opportunities are there for you to use and not be a complaining youth. I don't expect any of you to one day que for a RDP. You must all build mansions.

Goodluck with your exams and may the Lord be with you.

Thank you!