

**MESSAGE OF SUPPORT BY HIS WORSHIP, CLLR JOHN
MICHAEL FISCHER, MAYOR OF TLM DURING THE
MABOGOPEDI SECONDARY SCHOOL FAREWELL
FUNCTION OF GRADE 12 LEARNERS: OLD KUMBA
CINEMA HALL, THABAZIMBI AT 18:00**

4 October 2019

Programme Director

The School Governing Body

The Principal and School Management Team

All educators present here

All Parents present

Organisers of the event

Greetings to the learners

Greetings to all stakeholders present

All Guests present

Ladies and gentlemen

Good evening!!! Dumelang!!

Ladies and gentlemen; please accept my humble greetings to you all present today. It is with great pleasure that you have invited me to attend to this Farewell Ceremony.

I believe that matriculation opens a door to a whole new world of possibilities and opportunities. I know that you will

be sitting for your exams soon. This is the time for you not to be discouraged. It is a time for you to be focused. Today, it is your farewell function. Your parents and educators want to see you passing with flying colours. I urge you to stay focused and do not listen to negative talk from people.

You are at a critical stage of your career. Matric is the beginning of your academic and professional career. Now, you cannot afford to be influenced by negative talk that there are no jobs in the country.

I want to encourage you that do not let other people define your world for you because they will define it small for you. The fact that you are in Matric is proof that you have potential to define your destiny. This would mean making serious and sometimes difficult choices. These choices would be studying when you should be chilling or hanging around with friends.

Grade 12 learners, you have a choice to pass Matric or fail it. We do not fail because we want to fail. Everything that we do is dependent on making right choices.

Matric is a groundbreaking period of your life. The choices you make today will determine where you will be tomorrow. Doing Matric and writing your exams is a key to the world of immense opportunities. It does not mean that you will not

face failure and disappointments. Failure is not fatal. Failure is not permanent. Failure is not eternal. Remember that when you fail, you can get up and move on and learn from it.

You are a class of Matric 2019. If you look around yourself there is a lot that can inspire you.

Government and our Municipality are committed to seeing most people working or either being their own bosses. We are in need of people that will create jobs in this country. Today, you are not limited when it comes to choosing your career. Today, you can be an Astronaut, scientist, judge, medical specialist, mayor and an engineer.

South Africa is a growing economy competing with other markets in the world. Our products need people like you to market them internationally. You are now going to enter a world of ideas. Anything that is successful starts with an idea. It is important that you do not hide your ideas. Share them with people that can help you live your dreams. Who knows? Perhaps your idea can solve people's problems. You can create solutions to many challenges in life. Truly that is how you can get into business.

When you sit for your final-year exams - do not panic or be afraid. I want to assume that if you have prepared

yourselves thoroughly then there is no need to be panicky. At Thabazimbi Local Municipality, we expect you to pass your exams with flying colours. I also expect your school to have a 100% pass rate. Do not let fear paralyse you. Be confident in what you do and write. Go out there and shine and make your contribution. Stand up and be counted as a leader, community builder or nation builder and a shining star.

Your parents are a source of inspiration to you. Let their sacrifices inspire you. Parents should provide you with support during your final exams. At Thabazimbi Local Municipality, we would like to see you being successful in your future endeavours. And all the best for your year-end exams.

Enjoy your Matric Farewell.

I thank you.