

Welcoming the Carnavon HS Robotics Team

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Representatives of SKA;

Principal and Educators of Carnavon HS;

Learners and Robotics Team of Carnavon HS;

Members of the media.

Today my heart is filled with renewed hope for our community, our Province, the country and the future of our children, as we are welcoming back the Robotics Team of Carnavon High School from Uruguay.

The Carnavon High School Robotics Team represented South Africa in Montevideo, Uruguay for International First Lego League, following their outstanding achievement in our national competition held on 30 November 2018.

A sincere word appreciation to the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) programme that provides the necessary support and assistance to learners specifically in this community, to pursue careers related to Mathematics and Physical Science. This achievement must serve as encouragement to all our other schools to provide these opportunities and exposure to learners to compete on the national and international platforms.

Let me also take the opportunity to congratulate the collective management of the school on this sterling achievement. It shows your commitment towards the future of your learners and serves as further proof that our learners can compete at national and international level.

To our learners, this is the start of your journey to the promising future that awaits you. The Northern Cape Department of Education, the Carnarvon High School and the SKA will support you every step of the way to ensure your dreams are realised. Through sheer hard work and commitment, anything is possible.

In conclusion, we are a province of endless possibilities and therefore we will provide every child with the best possible opportunity to succeed in life. As all our efforts are geared towards a modern, growing and successful Province, we will do everything in our power to address both the participation rate and underperformance in Mathematics and Physical Science by providing strong foundational skills. We will ensure that we break the stigma around these subjects, increasing the participation rate and showcasing these subjects as fun and enjoyable.

I thank you!