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Saturday 26 October 2013 was a day in a million as Ngwaabe High School became a hive of activity. The buzz of the day was the on-going Mayoral Outreach led by Executive Mayor Cllr Mogobo Magabe.

According to Deputy Director in the Office of the Executive Mayor Mr Kgopelo Phasha the Imbizo programme is held on rotational basis, at least, once every month as part of the concerted effort to keep residents informed, participating and hands-on in the developmental affairs of their communities.

Phasha says the Imbizo afforded the residents of Ward 27 and 28 (otherwise referred to as Ngwaabe) of Greater Tubatse Local Municipality an opportunity to address deep seated concerns about employment, economic development, basic services and dispel their fears about some perceptions and rumours.

Relaying the context through which the Imbizo was held Executive Mayor Magabe assured the residents of Ngwaabe of government's unrelenting commitment to the betterment of their lives through programmes of all three spheres of government and private sector.

He said there has been substantial investment by government and mining companies in the community of Ngwaabe that should be acknowledged, promoted and improved upon.

One of the residents Mr Philemon Phasha of Kutullo village in ward 27 sharply raised concerns that ranged from the Phasha-Mampuru road, water tanker permits and the uncomfortable issue about residents perceiving De Hoop water to be servicing the Makhudutgamaga.

In allaying the fears of the residents about the De Hoop Dam water being channelled to Makhuduthamaga residents only, the Executive Mayor said it's time residents embrace the De Hoop Dam as theirs, and as a shared resource with the residents of the District.

He added that similar perceptions and misleading rumours were doing rounds when he held similar Imbizo interactions with communities of Makhuduthamaga who said the De Hoop linked water pipeline was going to serve the communities of Polokwane and Capricorn.

“We are your leaders; we were with you when there was no dam. Now the dam is 96% complete. You allow some people to mislead you about this very major stride we made together. This is your dam, in it there is you're your water and the same water you will proudly share with fellow residents of the District. Hence we say we are committed to the vision of a better life for all” Magabe said

Magabe concluded by inviting members of the community to fully support the visit by President Zuma which will mark the opening of De Hoop Dam on 02 November 2013. He said the massive event will be celebrated both at the Dam site and the Ga-Malekana Sports Ground where President Jacob Zuma will speak at 12h00.

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