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**KZN FINANCE MEC AND ASPEN PHARMACARE JOIN FORCES TO DONATE LAPTOPS AND SCHOOL UNIFORM TO THREE DURBAN SCHOOLS**

Hundreds of school children from three different Durban schools are set to benefit with high performance computers, tablets and school uniforms following a joint intervention by both Provincial Treasury and Aspen Pharmacare.

KZN Finance MEC Nomusa Dube-Ncube joined forces with Aspen which was approached to donate computers and tablets to three schools; New River Combined School, Nkulisabantu Primary School and Ohlange High School. Dube-Ncube matched this donation by also announcing that she would donate 150 school uniforms to the same schools.

“We are excited by Aspen Pharmacare gesture. It’s a true demonstration of public private partnership. Their donation of computers and tablets could not have come at a better time. Our children in township and rural areas often lag behind when it comes to technological advancements in education. This will go a long way,” said Dube-Ncube ahead of the donation.

Dube-Ncube approached Aspen Pharmacare to assist on various special initiatives including support with social relief, technological tools to support learners and broadband. Aspen Pharmacare agreed to work with the MEC and KZN Treasury on a needs basis. The pharmaceutical company will deliver 30 HP computers and 30 tablets for donation to the three identified schools.

The MEC adopted schools in Inanda and KwaMashu as part of constituency work. There are four schools that are adopted, one police station and one clinic.

Members of the media are invited to cover, report and reflect on this event whose details are as follow:

**Date: Thursday, 26 May 2022**

**Venue: New River Primary School (Ward 23) Mzinyathi, Inanda**

**Time: 07h30**

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