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LEARNERS AND TEACHERS AT KWATHINTWA SCHOOL FOR THE DEAF
DURING THE CELEBRATION OF THE 2014 MATRIC CLASS**

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Matric Class of 2014

All Learners

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is an honour for me to get the opportunity today to say a few words to motivate you while we are celebrating the Matric Class of 2014.

CONGRATULATIONS to you, Matric Class of 2014, for making it through in your grade 12 academic year. I am sure that it took a lot of hard work to achieve these positive results that we are celebrating today. However, we all agree that it was worth the sweat.

In 2013, this school achieved a 100% pass rate. Last year, the school achieved the same pass rate. This shows that the school has dedicated teachers who uphold the culture teaching and learning. I applaud your effort dedication towards the education of our children.

It shows that you have taken seriously the call of this government to make education the first priority. This will help government to fight poverty, unemployment and inequality.

Today, I am reminded of a beautiful butterfly flying from one flower to the next in a beautiful garden. We all love to see a beautiful butterfly flying in our gardens. Just as we see you progress in life, your parents, teachers, the community are all saying "Wow! Our country has a bright future" because you are the future.

Many of you are likely to have learnt about the life cycle of a butterfly in your earlier grades. The butterfly starts as an **egg** and grows to a **larva**. The larva turns into a **pupa** before growing into an adult **butterfly**. It is important that the butterfly goes through all these stages so that it can be as beautiful when its life cycle is complete. Like in the life cycle of a butterfly, you, the Matric Class of 2014, have now graduated from the **larva** to a **pupa** stage and you are preparing yourselves for the adult life ahead.

I know that one of you is now a student at the Durban University Technology and the other four are at Wispeco pursuing their career paths. I am confident that in few years to come, you will come out of these institutions with your degrees ready to fly as fully-gown butterflies. Just imagine how beautiful it will be when you start working as professionals.

Continue working hard in your studies so that you will achieve maximum results and become a distinguished professional in your respective fields of study. Our country has a shortage of skills - you are our hope to make South Africa a better nation in the world.

I am heartened to note that since 2011 this school has achieved a 100% matric pass rate. This shows that the school has quality teachers who are dedicated towards the education of our children.

It shows that you have taken seriously the call of this government to make education the first priority. This will help government to fight poverty, unemployment and inequality.

If you continue to work hard, one day you will fly like a butterfly and South Africa will be blessed with a brighter future. You are the future!

Thank you!