



Remarks by Her Worship, Cllr ZRT Gumede Mayoral Outreach – Learners Living with Disability

**14 February 2017 –14h30
Umlazi Malandeni School**

- Programme Director –
- Councillors
- Department of Education
- School Principal
- Governing body
- NGOs and CBOs
- Parents
- Learners
- Ladies and Gentlemen:

Sanibonani!

Kuyintokozo kithina njengomkhandlu weTheku oholwa uANC ukuba sihlanganyele kunye nani kulolusuku abalubiza nge-Valentine's Day. Lolusuku lubungazwa umhlaba wonke ikakhulukazi izithandani, nathi sithe asizobona izithandwa zethu.

Umbhalo ongcwele, kwincwadi yabaseKhorinte bokuqala, kuChapter 13 laphi lithi,

Uthando luyabekezela, uthando lumnene, alunamhawu, uthando aluzigabisi, aluzikhukhumezi; aluziphathi ngokungafanele, aluzifuneli okwalo, alucunuki, alunagqubu; aluthokozi ngokungalungile, kepha

luthokozela iqiniso; lubekezelela izinto zonke, lukholwa yizinto zonke, luthemba izinto zonke, lukhuthazelela izinto zonke.

Mphathi wohlelo,
Ingakho sikhona kulendawo ukuzoveza uthando ngoba uyasho umbhalo ukuthi "Thanda umakhelwane wakho njengoba uzithanda wena."

We are aware of the challenges that are face by this school and our MEC, Hon Mthandeni Dlungwane has assured me that he is dealing with your challenges.

Already there are plans for a new school in Amanzimtoti which is good news for our children. We believe this will solve most of your challenges. At the beginning of the year we visited many schools to find out on how best we can assist.

This is part of our mission to reach out and hear what is it that we can do to change your lives. We may not be able to fulfil all your needs in one day.

Programme Director,

We are a caring city and building a caring society. We come from a past which did not treat persons with disabilities with respect, which did not recognise them as full citizens of this country; a past which denied persons with disabilities their basic human rights, and did not accord them the status they deserve in society.

We have come a long way to be where we are today. Our government had to make sure that it legislates against any discriminatory practices.

This is the reason we even have a Deputy Minister, Hendrietta Bogobane-Zulu dealing with issues of disabilities. We have made it

our mission to change the previous situation. We have made sure that most of our buildings are accessible.

In our transport plan we even have a bus called Dial-A-Ride and Sukuma buses. This is part of our effort of trying to improve your lives, and gives you a chance to travel to work, schools and other facilities at ease.

The service is part of the City's goal to create an environment where passengers have confidence in the public transport system and their dignity is maintained. We want to improve and do even much better.

Programme Director,

As the mother and the Mayor, I came here for one thing- to say : **We care for you.** We are a caring municipality of the people.

We will continue to work with you in responding to your situations.

I love you all and happy valentine's day.