

**FARWELL SPEECH BY AT THE PRAYER SERVICE OF GRADE 12
LEARNERS 2010.**

The Principal's present

The Reverend

Parents present

Members of school governing body present

Distinguished guests

Ladies and gentlemen

Learner's

Protocol Observed!

It is indeed a great pleasure for me to be invited to this important service happening our Municipality.

Let me start by saying, I believe that matriculation opens a door to a whole new world of possibilities and opportunities. I know that you will be sitting for your exams soon if not tomorrow. This is the time for you not to be discouraged. It is a time for you to be focused. Today it is your prayer service. Your parents and teachers want to see you passing with flying colours. I urge you to stay focused and do not listen to negative talk from people.

The long holidays of June and the three weeks strike of teachers must not be the excuse. You are in a critical stage of your career. Matric is the beginning of your academic and professional career. Now you cannot afford to be influenced by negative talk that there are no jobs in the country.

You have a choice to pass Matric or fail it. We do not fail because we want to fail. Everything that we do is dependent on making right choice. We have to have a good company of friends to help us reach our goals.

Matric is a groundbreaking period of your life. The choice you make today will determine where you will be tomorrow.

You are the class of Matric 2010. If you look around yourself there is a lot that can inspire you. Please remember this year South Africa deliver the Soccer World Cup very successfully, in front of the world.

Government is committed to seeing most people working on their own bosses. We are in need of people that will create jobs in this country. Today, you are not limited when it comes to choosing your career. Today, you can be an Astronaut, Scientist, judge, medical specialist, mayor and an engineer.

When you sit for your final-year exams-do not panic or be afraid. I want to assume that if you have prepared yourselves thoroughly then there is no need to be panicky. At Kopanong Local Municipality, we expected you to pass your exams with flying colours. I also expect your schools to have a 100% pass rate. Do not let fear paralyze you. Be confident in what you do and write.

Your parents are a source of inspiration to you. Let their sacrifices inspire you. Parents should provide you with support during your final exams. At Kopanong Municipality we would like to see you being successful in your future endeavours. And all the best for your year-end exams.

I thank you