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## Media release

### **Decline of STLM matric pass rate provokes Education stakeholders to act**

The overall STLM matric pass rate has declined when compared to previous years. This has provoked the Executive Mayor, Alderman Mike Masina to call upon all stakeholders concerned with education of children such as educators, business, community leaders, community structures, youth structures, school governing bodies (SGBs), education experts and grade 12 learners, to an Education Summit that will discuss a way forward.

ABSA in Mpumalanga has responded positively to the call by Masina for the success of the Education Summit with a commitment to fund the cost of catering and transportation of 100 matriculants from local schools to the summit and promotional gifts.

The bank will also participate in the summit by deploying Acquisition bankers to educate Grade 12 learners on student offerings.

The event is currently at plenary stage and it is anticipated that other stakeholders will join the tune by contributing meaningfully for the event.

You are kindly invited to attend and cover the event planned as follows:

**Date:** 18-19 May 2017  
**Time:** 08:00  
**Venue:** Sydney Choma Banguet Hall

Your attendance and coverage of the event will be appreciated.

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