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### **DEPUTY MINISTER PINKY KEKANA TO CONDUCT OVERSIGHT VISIT AND SCHOOL SHOE HANDOVER IN KWASHOBA, RAY NKONYENI MUNICIPALITY, KWAZULU-NATAL**

The Deputy Minister for Public Service and Administration, Ms Pinky Kekana, will undertake a monitoring and evaluation visit to two primary schools in the Ray Nkonyeni Municipality, KwaZulu-Natal, on 14 May 2025. The visit will cover Etshenilikashoba Primary School and Khumbuza Primary School.

This initiative is part of the government's ongoing commitment to improving the quality of education across the country. The Deputy Minister's oversight visit aims to assess the schooling environment, identify potential challenges, and ensure that prompt and effective interventions are in place to support both learners and educators.

Beyond the monitoring component, the Deputy Minister will also conduct a school shoe handover ceremony for indigent learners at both schools. The initiative highlights government's integrated approach to learner support—recognizing that access to basic necessities, such as school shoes, can directly impact a child's ability to learn with dignity and confidence.

The handover is part of broader government efforts that combine oversight with tangible support. In this regard, Deputy Minister Kekana has partnered with the private

sector, securing support from Alex Forbes, which has generously provided the school shoes to be distributed. This partnership underscores the importance of cross-sector collaboration in addressing socio-economic challenges in education and ensuring that no learner is left behind.

The details are as follows:

**Date:** 14 May 2025

**Time:** 10:00 am – 11:00 am

**Venue:** Etshenilikashoba Primary School

**Date:** 14 May 2025

**Time:** 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

**Venue:** Khumbuza Primary School

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