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## KZN Health MEC thanks the big business for a caring ethos

MEC Dhlomo has profusely thanked the Sunfoil Willowton Group for their generosity in assisting indigent scholars that the MEC was alerted about at UMbumbulu Primary Schools. Late year MEC Dhlomo embarked on a hygiene promoting campaign targeting Primary Schools where he was promoting hand -washing after toilet visit as means to prevent diarrhoea. In two of these junior level schools, that is Putellos and Kwa Gwegwe Primary schools, the MEC was alerted by teachers that there were pupils who were from very impoverished families who did not have school uniform.

Dhlomo says when he approached Sun foil Group for a donation in this regard; he was received with warm hands.

Today, together with the Sun foil management, they delivered full uniforms to 31 Kwa Gwegwe Primary school pupils as well as 16 for the Putellos Combined School. The Uniform consists of skirts; socks; blouses; and shoes for the girls. The boys also received their full uniform consisting of trousers; socks; shirts and jerseys.

Responding to the hand-over, one young parent, Neliswa Juleka explained that she only has 1 child but is also a guardian to 4 of her late sister's children. All these kids are attending school at Kwa Gwegwe. She burst into tears when all the 5 children received the uniform explaining that her late sister only came back from Johannesburg when she was very sick and later died leaving all these children under her care. She then thanked the Principal and Education authorities for admitting these kids even though they didn't have required documents.

The MEC visit coincided with the aftermath of a hailstorm over the weekend that caused enormous damage to school buildings. The MEC was joined by Education officials in inspecting the damage and a commitment was made that renovations will commence soon.

In thanking the Sun Foil Group; MEC Dhlomo expressed a desire that more companies should emulate their noble gesture and contribute where they can in the upliftment of the community. In both schools the Department of Health was hailed for its School Health Programme. The Principals informed the MEC that deworming as well as HPV Vaccination targeting girls younger than 9 years which prevents cervical cancer have already been done.



*MEC for Health, Dr Sibongiseni Dhlomo with Mr Cassim and the recipient of 5 school uniforms*