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**MAYORAL ADDRESS:**  
**THE HONOURABLE DEPUTY MAYOR**  
**ON THE OCCASION OF THE 2018 MASOYI SECONDARY GRADE 12 FAREWELL**  
**DATED: 31 AUGUST 2018**

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**PROGRAMME DIRECTOR**

**THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY**

**THE PRINCIPAL**

**THE EDUCATORS**

**GREETINGS TO ASSOCIATES OF THE ACADEMIC SECTOR**

**PARENTS PRESENT**

**ORGANISERS OF THE EVENT**

**GREETINGS TO THE LEARNERS**

**GREETINGS TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS PRESENT**

**GUESTS PRESENT**

**MEMBERS OF THE MEDIA**

**LADIES AND GENTLEMEN**

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Ladies and gentlemen; please accept my humble greetings to you all present today. It is with great pleasure that you have invited me to attend to this Farewell Ceremony.

This ranks among important indicators of performance of our education system.

- Education is a social process.
- Education is growth.
- Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself.

“Education is the most powerful weapon that you can use to change the world.”

These wise words from our former President, Nelson Mandela, certainly resonate here today.

As we celebrate the Nelson Mandela Centenary this year, we must remind ourselves of the importance of honouring the heritage we have received from those who have gone before us.

These icons and forebears are both personal and public; and these are occasions to remember them for whom our successes and achievements counted more than their own.

We believe there is no greater way of acknowledging the freedoms we now enjoy, than to honour those who have gone before us by building on the legacy they have bestowed.

Thus we commit ourselves to continue in similar vein to push forward in breaking barriers to learning on all levels.

Today is a special day in your lives noting that the Institution is advancing the highest ideals of humanity: ideals of freedom, democracy, equality, human dignity and solidarity.

I wish to say Congratulations to Masoyi Secondary School for being recognised, both locally and in the district for producing students who bear the mark of academic excellence and distinction.

Grade 12, allow me to confirm that you are part of an elite group of the population of South Africa, the KwaZulu-Natal Province, within the District of UThukela and accommodated by the Alfred Duma Local Municipality who have made it to the class of Grade 12 during the year 2018, many others did not make it.

This is your achievement but you should always remember the sacrifices others have made to ensure that you stand here today.

As future leaders of South Africa, KZN, the District and Local Municipalities, I trust that the leadership qualities that you demonstrate in the future will reflect the values that you learned during your years as a student.

Grade 12, once you get placement or employment, please demonstrate:

- Values of the highest levels of academic distinction, academic freedom and accountability.
- Values that encourage innovation, individuality and collective effort.
- Values that strive to promote integrity and respect for diversity and human dignity.

Grade 12, we are privileged to share the joy of your achievement today.

Your commitment and dedication to your studies has culminated in this well-deserved accolade and farewell.

You are a credit to your families and to your school and on behalf of the community of Alfred Duma Local Municipality, I extend my warmest congratulations and wish you every success for the future.

Students please note that times have changed, there is no easy access to employment.

Do not give up easily, continue to cultivate your dreams and aspirations with good choices and keep yourself motivated by a personal definition of success.

Grade 12, please begin to create a legacy of your own.

Students please grow according to your own design.

Don't limit your growth by comparing yourself to others.

In life you must be a memory of a great name and the inheritance of a great example.

Finally, let me also express a word of gratitude to parents, families, friends and spouses for all the support and encouragement given to all these Grade 12 learners, during their period of learning.

In closing my speech, allow me to say:

- In building your careers, don't be in a hurry for luxury.
- Work hard and be creative in building your career.
- Focus on your attitude.
- Be proactive.
- Be bold.
- Be teachable.
- Stay humble.
- Ask questions where you need guidance.
- Invest in people around you.
- Never stop dreaming.
- Dream big.

To all the teachers, thank you for your dedication and commitment in advancing Academic Freedom in our Lifetime.

Education & Training was designed for Us, to promote Us.

I thank you

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