



→ Provincial Winner

Excellence in Special Needs School Leadership

Name: Yolanda Luondo

School: Siviwe School of Skills

District: Metro Central Education District

Ms Luondo believes that “when you look good, you feel good and if you feel good you do well”. This belief epitomises her character as well as the manner in which she provides leadership to the school and the school community.

She embodies the school’s motto of “love, educate and support” and this combined with her faith and belief in peace make her a humble leader. She is a registered psychologist; however, she chose to be a teacher and then later decided to apply for a school leadership position, where she believed she could make a bigger difference.

Ms Luondo is a lifelong learner who is constantly participating in professional development and always looking for opportunities for staff, teachers, parents and the community for upliftment and development. With her diverse skill set she easily steps into the role of mentor and enjoys coaching others. She has put various structures in place at school to enhance the development of second tier leadership, e.g. having a Junior Managers Forum

and various subcommittees to ensure that the school operates optimally.

Through her leadership, she has been able to create partnerships with external organisations that are beneficial for the school and the community as well as the partner organisations.

Ms Luondo is an influencer at various levels and in various organisations, e.g. the South African Association for Special Education. She is a member of her street committee and is president of the Sacred Heart Dioceses Western Cape.

Ms Luondo sums her leadership up with this quote from Peter Senge, “*A learning organisation discovers how to tap people’s commitment and capacity to learn at all levels...where people continually expand their capacity to create the results they truly desire, where new and expansive patterns of thinking are nurtured, where collective aspiration is set free and where people are continually learning how to learn together.*”