“The only disability in life is a bad attitude”, a quote from Scott Hamilton, the American skater and Olympic gold medalist.

These wise words are indeed poignant for an occasion of this nature considering that people with disabilities, including those with intellectual impairment are often looked down by their peers and arguably society at large. We however salute the staff at Botlokwa special school for their stupendous work with these learners. It is through your efforts and hard work that these brilliant learners are going to partake in the championships. Indeed we need to alter our attitude towards these learners to give them hope, strength and believe that they can record the greatest achievement, because they are able!

My advice to you, the learners, is that you must maintain that positive attitude towards life and concentrate on things you can excel in.

On behalf of Molemole Local Municipality I wish each one of the learners the best in the championship.