



Media Release

SACE mourns the passing of Sarah Motsitsi, Free State Educator

It is with deep sadness that we learned of the passing of Sarah Motsitsi (26) a National Teacher Awards (NTA) winner and grade 4 teacher at Reseamohetse School in Theunissen, Free State Province.

Motsitsi was shot dead by her ex-boyfriend yesterday at 14h00.

The youthful Motsitsi who has only been teaching for three years was lauded by the Department of Basic Education for the excellence in technology-based teaching and learning in the classroom after she was named the country's best Maths teacher with the aid of technology.

Motsitsi scooped the award for Excellence in Teaching Technology – Enhanced Teaching and Learning in Mathematics at the awards ceremony held last year 2017 at Gallagher Convention Centre in Midrand, Johannesburg.

Her death comes just a few days before the National Teachers Awards (NTA) is staged next week Saturday at the Sandton Convention Centre. As a former winner she was expected to attend the event.

In her interview with the Free State based newspaper, The Weekly after winning the award she was quoted saying 'I know teaching isn't the first

choice for many young people. I find it a calling more than anything else. By going into teaching, you are committing yourself to helping society. My advice to other young people is not to go into teaching for the money. You must be passionate about teaching. It can be quite demanding but also very exciting if you love helping people”.

The Free State Department of Education MEC, Tate Makgoe was very saddened by the news, in the statement on his Facebook page he said, “We have lost a great teacher and future leader”.

The Council’s spokesperson extended his heartfelt condolences to the family, the school and Free State Department of Education.

“At the time of grief, our thoughts are with the Motsitsi family and all the people she has touched throughout her short journey as a Teacher because we were still expecting a lot from her”, Themba Ndhlovu concluded.

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