



Dear Power of 1000 Donor,

Welcome back and a big Hi Five to all of you for the difference you made in 2018 as part of the Power of 1000 family.

Firstly, congratulations to the Lenz High Class of 2018 for the 94.9% matric pass rate. Kudos to principal Munshi, the school management team, and the school governing body for making Lenz High the top performing public school in the circuit.

The Power of 1000 team started the year off with a breakfast on the 8th January 2019 for the staff of Lenz High School. This annual event brings together teachers and general support staff to motivate and thank them for the outstanding roles that they play in developing our young learners who are poised to become our leaders of tomorrow. Dr Sipiwe Mthiyani from the University of Witwatersrand's Educational Leadership, Policy and Skills unit talked to the staff about ethical leadership; a very topical issue in today's society. His talk underscored that everyone is a leader, consequently everyone's actions should be considered. He emphasized that every single teacher is a role model who through their actions will shape the outcome of students at the school. Leadership is not only a top down approach but also starts at all levels of teaching and how teachers attitude, dress code and general mood will reflect on to the learners. Teachers and school managers welcomed his address and a few were keen to consider furthering their education through the Wits School of Education.

Dr Mthiyani's presentation segued into the renowned local motivational speaker Mr Jack Manack. Mr Manack who through humour and several role play scenarios highlighted the agency within us and that we can make a difference individually and collectively. This message was well received; teachers said that they were inspired and motivated by his words and encouragement. His final message to the audience was to imagine; "every person carrying a simple smile every morning when passing any child." Everyone in the audience agreed with him that this simple action is infectious and will definitely lift the mood and spirit of all.

The Power of 1000 team in conjunction with Ms Hawa Munshi have undertaken to explore a program for the learners at the school hosted by Jack Manack, so stay tuned for future news on this exciting journey.

Board members Urvashi Bhika and Mumtaz Khan were invited to feature on the ITV talk show "Let's Talk" on the 23rd January. The show hosted by Julie Ali centered on 'Giving back to your schools'. Ms Bhika and Ms Khan outlined the aims of the Power of 1000 and showcased some of the initiatives and encouraged past Lenz High students to contribute and to





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make a difference, they also encouraged other school alumni to do the same and contribute to building a better future.

The Board would like to advise donors that Mohamed Imraan Sayed announced his resignation as Chairman of the Board of the Power of 1000. The Board takes this opportunity to thank Mr Mohamed Imraan Sayed for his leadership, commitment, wisdom and most importantly for his tenacity. Mr Mohamed Imraan Sayed was the driving force in establishing the Power of 1000. Under his tutelage, the Power of 1000 hit the road running and achieved much in the last 19 months. We are proud of Mr Mohammed Imraan Sayed's new appointment in Egypt. We salute you and know that you will disrupt international finance through your quiet diplomacy. Go well **CHAIRMAN**.

On 30th January 2019, the board unanimously nominated Ms Mumtaz Khan as Chairperson with Ms Charlene Dayanand filling the assistant treasurer post previously held by Mumtaz. Mr Mohamed Sayed will still remain an active board member of the Power of 1000. The Board welcomes Ms Khan and Ms Dhayanand; both are founding members of the Power of 1000 and drivers of many of the successfully implemented projects. The Board is also actively seeking out Lenz High Alumni to join the committee; as we grow we require more assistance to make a difference. We therefore humbly appeal to our community to climb on board and join the team on this journey.

The team has several initiatives planned for 2019 and will communicate details of each event in future newsletters.

We would like to enlist your help in spreading the word of Power of 1000 and get people to contact the team to donate and be a part of this exciting initiative.

To donate reach out to a member of the team, alternatively EFT directly into our bank account at:

Power of 1000
First National Bank
Branch code 250655
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We welcome feedback so please drop us an email at info@powerof1000.co.za

We have had an exciting month and I would like to thank the committee members who give up their personal time for a passion to give back to a school that we all graduated from. The task at hand is not an easy one but with your support we can achieve a great deal, if we can produce just 1 great leader in the future, this initiative is worth the effort.

Best wishes

Mumtaz Khan
Chairperson

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