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### **Deputy Minister discourages vandalism of water infrastructure**

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The Deputy Minister of Water and Sanitation, Ms. Pam Tshwete, held a back to school campaign in Phillip Mtywaku Senior Secondary School in Peelson in Eastern Cape to engage learners and school management about the importance of education and prepare them for the 2018 school calendar.

In her speech the Deputy Minister urged parents to be involved in their children's education, and the rebuilding of the school. She also took an opportunity to educate the learners, parents about the importance of saving water and the importance of washing hands at all times to avoid the spread of preventable diseases.

"Communities must also be aware of climate change as our rivers lose water, and water supplies shrink because of the high temperatures. The abnormal heat wave has increased evaporation rates and this is one of the reasons for the fall off in our water storage levels" Deputy Minister Tshwete said

She said communities should be engaged in the initiative to combat any acts of infrastructure vandalism and theft because a lot of water is wasted. She cited Mdange area in Peelson where taps were vandalized.

"Municipalities are paying lot of money in buying water from the Department, must desist from vandalizing water infrastructure", she emphasised.

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