

## Dear 'Friend of Lavender Hill High School',

31 March 2014

The process of transformation of Lavender Hill High as a 'YES' School has begun. A 3 year Project Plan has been developed, and educators at the school have reviewed and committed to it. The vision under-pinning this plan is explained more fully on our new website (<a href="www.yes-school.co.za">www.yes-school.co.za</a>).

The AGM for 2013 of The Lavender Hill Development Trust will be held on 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2014 at 9:00 in the Library of Lavender Hill High. All are welcome (please reply if you are interested). Following the meeting the Trustees, including the School Principal, will be available to discuss progress and the way forward.



Good news .... Building will soon begin on a school hall thanks to a 5 million rand partnership between Garden Cities Archway Foundation and the Western Cape Education Department. There are conditions, amongst which is that Lavender Hill High has to raise R200 000.

A number of other initiatives are progressing this year. 'Safe Schools' has committed to building a new security fence around the school, which will be immensely valuable in our fight against gangsterism and vandalism. The Department of Public Works is currently re-furbishing the school, paving some of the worst grounds, fixing storm water drains and replacing broken windows.

These infra-structure enhancements, together with the new gym, the computer centres, the library and the sports fields are already having an effect on the community. School enrolment – and matric pass rate - is steadily increasing, and ever increasing numbers of sports clubs wanting to use our facilities. These improvements, together with the introduction of drug and drop-out tracking and counselling, and the introduction of a 'school-house' system are transforming the school in line with our vision.

You may have also noticed the change of name: we are in the process of changing from Lavender Hill Secondary School to Lavender Hill High School as a step into the future.

We thank all the donors who have already contributed so much to the development of this school. We look forward to continuing this relationship. Should you wish any further information, please see our website or contact us directly. If you wish to be taken off the distribution list please reply to this message with "Unsubscribe" as the first line.

Regards,

Stephen Bredenkamp

Trustee / Administrator: The Lavender Hill Development Trust.