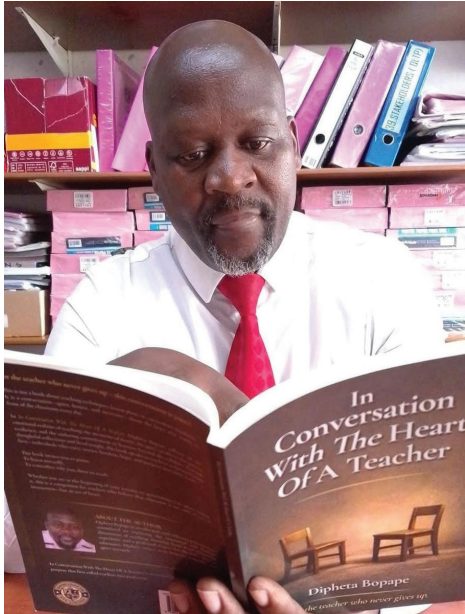


Spotlight on local talent

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From teacher to published author



Mr Dipheta Bopape from Freedom Park Secondary.

RUSTENBURG HERALD – RUSTENBURG - When he is not teaching learners in the classroom at Freedom Park Secondary, Mr Dipheta Bopape is making his mark in the creative industry as a published author of note.

South African educator, publisher, motivational speaker, entrepreneur and emotional intelligence advocate, Dipheta Bopape, was born and bred in Polokwane, Limpopo Province. However, he spends much of his time in Rustenburg as an educator at Freedom Park Secondary teaching English.

His work blends narrative depth with social insight, exploring the emotional landscapes of classrooms and communities.

His interest on the subject of integration of emotional intelligence in the classroom emanate from short courses he did with institutions of higher learning such as Mancosa and North-Wes University, amongst others.

He has written almost eight books thus far, managing to publish three of these. His latest release, “In Conversation with the Heart of a Teacher” is his debut cinematic novel. It was inspired by real experiences,

heartfelt observation, and a deep respect for those who teach with courage and care, even when the way grows dim. Mr Bopape is also developing “Heart of a Teacher” podcast to be launched soon - a project aimed at empowering educators to integrate emotional awareness into teaching practice across Africa.

“In Conversation with the Heart of a Teacher’ is a deeply human story about endurance, compassion, and the unseen burdens teachers carry daily,” he told Rustenburg Herald. “Furthermore, it is an invitation to educators themselves to reconnect with the purpose that first called them into profession.”

Giving us a glimpse of what the chapters in the book entails he said, “Each chapter traces the heartbeat of a teacher who refused to surrender – through failure, misunderstanding, ill-discipline and threats

by learners and the long nights of doubt – until light broke through the cracks.”

In the book we learn about a young mathematics teacher, Phomolo Serekego, full of idealism when he began his career but soon finds himself tested by disillusionment, systematic neglect, and a series of personal challenges – including the complex relationship with his learner, Vivian; whose defiance masks pain. At the end, in a tearful reconciliation; Taolo, a sharp-tongued, defiant leader of the school-based King Felas gang and Vivian publicly apologies for causing terror at school, closing the story with grace and emotional release. Through every struggle, every small victory, teacher Serekego continued to become an epitome of what a teacher who refuses to give up looks like.

To get in contact with Mr Bopape, WhatsApp or call 073 184 5609 or email: teachmelegacy@gmail.com - all his work is available in bookstores around the country and online.

INVITATION FOR PROSPECTIVE BIDDERS

Rustenburg Local Municipality



BID NO.	DESCRIPTION	DOC. FEES (NON-REFUNDABLE)	AVAILABILITY OF BID DOCUMENT	EVALUATION CRITERION	ENQUIRIES	COMPULSORY BRIEFING SESSION	CLOSING DATE
RLMDCD/006/1/2026/27	Appointment of a service provider to render the cleaning and hygiene service at various municipal buildings for a period of 36 months as and when needed	TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT R 750.00 REFERENCE NUMBER: 0061+Company name BANK NAME Standard Bank ACCOUNT NUMBER: 033 054 657	Documents will be available on the E-tender and RLM websites respectively, 5 days after the date of advertisement. NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted	- Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of all mandatory documents as listed in the tender document) to include all necessary certifications. - National Contract Cleaners Association Registration as a member - Registration with Department of Agriculture/Agriculture Forestry and Fishers as a Pest Control Operator - South African Pest Control Association 80/20 preferential point system (price = 80 & Specific goals=20) NB! No other evaluation criterion should be used.	TECHNICAL Mr. Izwelithini Phakula 0145903565 iphakula@rustenburg.gov.za SCM Ms O Serole 014 590 3566 oserole@rustenburg.gov.za	N/A	Date: 26 November 2026 Time: 09H00
RLMDCD/0113/2026/27	Appointment of a service provider to supply, deliver and servicing of fire fighting safety equipment for Rustenburg local municipality' facilities for a period of three (3) years	TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT R 500.00 REFERENCE NUMBER: 0113+Company name BANK NAME Standard Bank ACCOUNT NUMBER: 033 054 657	Documents will be available on the E-tender and RLM websites respectively, 5 days after the date of advertisement. NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted	- Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of all mandatory documents as listed in the tender document) to include all necessary certifications. - CIDB grading 2SF or higher - Functionality minimum qualifying score 70 out of a maximum of 100 points. Specific goals=20) 80/20 preferential point system (price=80 & Specific goals=20) NB! No other evaluation criterion should be used.	TECHNICAL Mr. Izwelithini Phakula/ Mr. F Mohammed 0145903565 / 0145903152 iphakula@rustenburg.gov.za or fmohammed@rustenburg.gov.za SCM Ms. H Maisela 014 590 3633 hmaisela@rustenburg.gov.za	N/A	Date: 26 November 2026 Time: 11H00
RLMDCD/0052/2026/27	Appointment of a qualified service provider for the data management and maintenance of the Rustenburg air quality monitoring network for a period of 36 months	TENDER DOCUMENT AMOUNT R 250.00 REFERENCE NUMBER: 0052+Company name BANK NAME Standard Bank ACCOUNT NUMBER: 033 054 657	Documents will be available on the E-tender and RLM websites respectively, 5 days after the date of advertisement. NB! Proof of deposit with proper reference as stipulated and required, must be attached with mandatory documents to be submitted	- Administrative evaluation (document completion and attachment of all mandatory documents as listed in the tender document) to include all necessary certifications. - Functionality minimum qualifying score 70 out of a maximum of 100 points. 80/20 preferential point system (price=80 & Specific goals=20) NB! No other evaluation criterion should be used.	TECHNICAL Mr. G Zimba 0145903831 gzimba@rustenburg.gov.za SCM Ms. H Maisela 014 590 3633 hmaisela@rustenburg.gov.za	Date: 09 November 2026 Time: 09H00 Venue: 56 Bethelhehm Drive, Waste Depot	Date: 27 November 2026 Time: 10H00

1. Bidders must submit both a hard copy document and an electronic tender document in the form of a clearly marked USB. (Bidders will be disqualified for not submitting a USB with scanned bid documentation)

2. Bid document must be in a sealed packaging clearly marked with the bid number and description, must be placed in the bid box in the foyer of the Municipality offices, Missionary Mpheni House, Beyers Naude Drive, Rustenburg not later than the prescribed closing date, where after the bids will be opened in public at the Municipality offices.

3. All bids will be evaluated in accordance with the Supply Chain Policy of the Rustenburg Local Municipality PPPFA 2022 and other related legislations. Bids will remain valid for 90 days.

4. The lowest or any bid will not be necessarily accepted, and the municipality reserves the right to accept the whole or part of any bid. The municipality reserves the right to increase or decrease quantities as indicated in the
- technical specifications. A market analysis conducted will be taken into consideration to ensure right procurement and quality service delivery.

5. Tender submission must comply with the instruction note (Tender Completion and Attachment of Mandatory Documents) as well as all other additional tendering condition and requirements stated in the tender document.

6. Objections or complaints must be submitted in writing to the Municipality Manager at the address stated, and must contain the following:
(a) Reasons and/or grounds for the objection or complaint.
(b) The way in which the objector or complainant's rights have been affected; and
(c) The remedy sought by the objector or complainant.

7. Any objection or complaint must reach the Municipal Manager with a 14-day period after award has been made. Late objections or complaints
- will not be entertained.

8. Submissions which fail to adhere to all the requirements and instructions stated in the advert, E-tender advert, CIDB Website for CIDB tenders as well as the tender document will lead to disqualification.

9. Should there be any contradictions between the information on this advert and information in the tender document, then the information in this advert will take precedence.

10. Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept late bids.

11. The bid price validity is 90 days.

12. If you don't receive any correspondence from this organisation regarding your tender application after validity period, you should consider your application unsuccessful..

13. Rustenburg Local Municipality will not accept documents which are not in envelopes and clearly marked with the bid number and description.