

## Lightning destroys school computers

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Rustenburg - Over 30 computers were damaged when a computer laboratory at Lekwakwa Primary School in Tlhabane near Rustenburg was struck by lightning on Tuesday, the education department said.

“Thirty-six computers, computer equipment, cables, tables, chairs, textbooks are burnt to ashes. Ceiling and roofing also needs to be repaired,” said spokesman Elias Malindi.

“Community members who are in the school vicinity were woken up by a blaze at the school and rushed to quench to the fire with fire extinguishers that are mounted at the computer laboratory. Fire fighters were also called in to tackle the blaze.”

He said the rest of the school building was not affected by the lightning.

“Teaching and learning is proceeding uninterrupted. Only computer lessons will be suspended until a contingency plan is initiated.”

Education MEC Wendy Matsemela appreciated the help of the community members.

“As the department of education and sport development we wish to thank the community parental involvement we always advocate when difficulty affect our schools. This is a demonstration of parents taking pride of their schools and children’s future,” Matsemela said. The estimated cost of the damage was not finalised.