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Today, Public schools reopen for 2021 academic in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic that has destabilized all aspects of life, including teaching and learning. The Greater Tzaneen Municipality spread its councillors across the various schools to monitor Covid\_19 health protocols compliance. Councillors were dispatched to 35 schools on the first day of school. Mayor Maripe Mangena visited Vallambrosa Primary School in Mokhwathi Village to "support and monitor". Mangena said "the purpose of the visit is support, monitor, and check if everything is fine as children return to school"

Mangena was impressed with the school management. "first when you arrive, you are just impressed by the cleanliness of the school, two, how the children are being accepted at the school. Mangena said that the school complied 100% with Covid\_19 health protocols. The Mayor was however concerned with the state of the buildings at the school. The department of education has intervened by assisting the school with six mobile classes. School principal, MP Morhwasethla said they wanted 12 mobile classes but they received six. He said the new classes will make it easy for the school to comply with COVID-19 health protocols. Morhwasethla asked the Mayor to assist the school get the new infrastructure in any way possible. Morwasehla stressed the need for a new kitchen where food for school children is prepared. "The old kitchen is not safe, we need a new one, and we plead with you to help us," Said Morwasehla

The Chief Whip of the Greater Tzaneen Municipality, Councilor Cromwell Nhemo visited Zivuko High School in the company of Councilor Given Malatji, the Ward Councilor of Ward 23. Malatji is also the MMC for infrastructure in Mopani District Municipality.

In Relela, Ward 8 Councilor, Mokgadi Mathekga alongside the latest member of the GTM council, Conny Ramothwala monitored compliance at Mmatokane Primary School. Ramothwala said that the school requested help with the road to the school.

Councilor Mavis Mapitja of ward 04 was at Makgope Primary School. In the Bulamahlo Cluster, Councilor Mothibi Rapitsi was joined by Cosas at Mabushe High School.