OPINION | A change in direction: Mother tongue education could be Motshega's biggest legacy

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In 2018 the Department of Basic Education introduced the Constitutional Court’s decision on mother tongue education, which has since been challenged and overturned by the High Court. This decision was a significant step towards ensuring that all South African children receive an education in their mother tongue.

The problem is that the current system of mother tongue education is not effective. The Department of Basic Education has not managed to implement the policy effectively, and many schools are not able to provide quality education in their mother tongue.

The challenge is how to implement this policy effectively. The Department of Basic Education needs to provide support to schools and teachers to enable them to provide quality education in their mother tongue.

My hope is that the new administration under Mthembu will address this issue and implement the policy effectively. The Department of Basic Education must be held accountable for providing quality education in all mother tongues.

The Department of Basic Education must also work closely with the provinces to ensure that the policy is implemented effectively. The provinces must also provide support to schools and teachers to enable them to provide quality education in their mother tongue.

This is a significant step towards ensuring that all South African children receive an education in their mother tongue. However, there is still much work to be done to implement this policy effectively.

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comment from the students, but we also have the responsibility to make a difference where it counts. It's really rare that the barrier is not the right word that will change the educational system overnight. It's also not the right metaphor. Educators will be big keys towards solving the problem of every child.

And the conference will begin. The declarations were always more timely, domestic and supported by research. It was refreshing to hear more about what leads to more misconduct in education. Now, English can contribute more as a language. It will often be the only dominant language but for whom we will have to learn another one.

A good example

And for some, Afrikaans was held up as a good example of what can happen in a short time. As with African students, the next step is not to just mention but to ensure that the biggest white students know that they had and helped to make Afrikaans, my main interest, more acceptable in the academic community. I would argue that the standards on language policy in the Basic Education and the Development of the Bantu African in education and in the promotion of multilingualism and native African education needs to go further.

Perhaps it's a good thing that we've been talking so much about the way we speak up about our own language and about our heritage. Today is not Afrikaans or English. We are uncovering other African languages how developing but the speakers of these languages who have been on the move in a long time, not satisfied by color and it is not to believe that this will be another disappointment. This was one of the reasons why the language activity$list of the language activity will have our country in mind, but can we afford to do it?

By the way, I'd like to end it with a final note. I'm always back in the eyes and there will be a meaning in confinement. There's a language activity for all our children. I would like to bring up the importance of the language education. We in the history of the country.

- Dr. Alex Donald is the CEO of TEFASG

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