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CHANGE TO OBE

“The Christian Democratic Party (CDP) welcomes the Minister of Basic Education, Angie Motsheka’s announcement that the discredited Outcomes Based Education (OBE) curriculum is to be phased out,” So says Rev Theunis Botha Leader of the Christian Democratic Party (CDP) and acting chair of the Christian Democratic Alliance.

“We would nevertheless, like to point out that this system has had a negative effect on countless thousands of children over the past more than a decade. The ANC introduced OBE into South Africa in 1998 in spite of being warned, by many, of the dire consequences that would result from it. Countries that had discovered its shortcomings had already, at that time, abandoned OBE. The government, however, ignored all advice and implemented the system with one minister after the other stubbornly drudging along the same pathway and plunging education in South Africa into the crisis it presently finds itself in.”

“One would have to wait and see what the new curriculum Me Motshekga intends introducing, looks like and whether it meets the educational needs of our children, before making any further comment.”

“A word to the wise. The ANC should desist from pretending to know it all when they obviously still have so much to learn. A little humility will go a long way.”

Verandering aan Uitkomsgerigte onderwys

“Die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) verwelkom die Minister van Basiese Onderwys, Angie Motsheka, se aankondiging dat die gediskrediteerde uitkomsgerigte leerplan uitgefaseer gaan word.” So sê ds. Theunis Botha, leier van die Christen-Demokratiese Party (CDP) en wnde voorsitter van die Christen-Demokratiese Alliansie (CDA).

“Ons wil nogtans daarop wys dat die stelsel ‘n dekade lank ‘n negatiewe impak op baie duisende kinders gehad het. Die ANC het UGO in 1998 in SA geïmplementeer ten spyte van waarskuwings deur baie dat dit verwoestende gevolge gaan hê. Lande wat van die negatiewe eienskappe bewus geword het, het dit teen daardie tyd reeds laat vaar. Nogtans het die een minister na die ander hardkoppig voortgeploeter om onderwys in Suid-Afrika is sy huidige krisis te dompel.”

“Ons sal nou moet wag om te sien wat die nuwe bestel behels voor ons verder kommentaar sal kan lewer. Net ‘n paar goedbedoelde woorde: Die ANC moet ophou om homself as alleswetend voor te doen terwyl die party in werklikheid nog baie te leer het. ‘n Bietjie beskeidenheid sal baie gepas wees.”