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Media Statement

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KZN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TAKES SWIFT ACTION OVER LEARNER IN PHYSICAL CONFRONTATION

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education has moved swiftly to suspend the learner involved in physical confrontation with the teacher.

In the wake of a video clip that has gone viral on social media showing a physical altercation between an educator and a learner within the school premises, the Department of Education in KZN has decided to suspend the learner with immediate effect pending disciplinary hearing which is due to be held within the next 5 working days.

The incident took place at Luthayi high school in Hammarsdale under Pinetown District.

The MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal Kwazi Mshengu has welcomed the suspension and reiterated a firm stance against any form of abuse whether directed at educators or learners.

The schooling system has disciplinary measures in place and will use such prescripts to determine the appropriate course of action.

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal has over the years proven to be completely intolerant of any abusive offences such as assault, intimidation, bullying, drug dealing and sexual violence.

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As the Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal we will monitor the matter and provide necessary support to the victim. On the other hand, special arrangements will be made to ensure that the affected learner is given an opportunity to be able to write his examinations that were already underway.

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