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KZN EDUCATION SUSPENDS TEACHER OVER ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL HARASSMENT

Sexual abuse has been as much a constant feature of South African schools as it has been of society in general. Many of our schools have become violent and unsafe environments, particularly for the girl-child. It is a matter that requires urgent attention from all sectors of the society.

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal wishes to inform the public and members of the media that it has placed a teacher on suspension following allegations of sexual misconduct. A male teacher at Tongaat Secondary school in Pinetown district has been caught out exchanging graphic material through WhatsApp messages. These include photos and text messages.

Our attitude towards cases of this nature is that it makes schools an unsafe place to be for some of our children, suffocating many of their dreams and reducing the school experience for our children to a battle for survival rather than academic achievement.

In line with the South African Schools Act, a thorough investigation will be conducted while the teacher is on suspension.

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal distances itself from any sexual harassment/abuse, and would not hesitate to act against any sexual offenders within the education sector.

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