

**MEDIA STATEMENT** 

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## "Your child in my child and my child is your child."

In the light of recent media reports on cases of educators who have unsavory relations with learners, we want to once again impress upon all educators that having romantic/sexual relations with learners is a very serious offence. We expect all educators to lead by example by being positive role models and mentors to all learners entrusted in their care.

We need to revive and relive the old saying that, "Your child in my child and my child is your child." All teachers owe it to the teaching profession and its nobility, to carry themselves in an exemplary manner. We urge communities to form a united front against all teachers who still practice this abominable and diabolical act.

We are aware that sometimes perpetrators take advantage of people's economic status and bribe them into not reporting these acts. To this end, we call upon communities to report these act and we assure them that we will protect their identity if needs be.

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