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- THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY ASSOCIATIONS**
- THE PRINCIPALS OF SCHOOLS**
- THE SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY CHAIRPERSONS**

KZN CIRCULAR NO. 136 OF 2023

SUBJECT: SCHOOL SAFETY DAY, READING AND SIGNING OF QUALITY LEARNING AND TEACHING PLEDGES.

1. Schools are sacred institutions designated for the delivery of quality teaching and learning through which the lives of the learners are moulded to become better citizens
2. Principals of schools and Chairpersons of School Governing Bodies (SGBs) are hereby requested to mobilize stakeholders as per the two very important structures, the QLTC and School Safety Committees to participate in the School Safety Talks, reading and signing of the QLTC pledges.
3. The importance of education can never be over-emphasized as it is through it that Learners' lives are changed for the better.
4. All relevant stakeholders are expected to play a role in the education of Learners in their communities for the betterment of their lives.
5. This may be achieved through reviving commitments as enshrined in the Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign (QLTC) pledges by all stakeholders and stakeholders collaborating with the schools in their communities in making schools conducive environments for teaching and learning.



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6. The major threat to the smooth running of schools and the quality delivery of teaching and learning, are issues of safety, discipline and social ills stemming from within and externally.
7. In efforts to ensure that schools operate without any disturbances and achieve the purpose for which they exist for, it is requested that Principals and the SGBs:
 - 7.1 Select a day between the 1st and 15th of February 2024 for an exercise of reading and signing of the QLTC pledges during which stakeholders will be committing themselves in focussing on teaching and learning issues.
 - 7.2 Mobilize different stakeholders to address the safety issues to all stakeholders present and urging everyone to play a role in ensuring the safety of Teachers and Learners while at school.
8. Issues of safety may include among others:
 - 8.1 Talks against bullying – the dangers of bullying and the consequences thereof. Every Learner has a duty to ensure the other Learners feel safe at school.
 - 8.2 Learner pregnancy – the meaning of pregnancy, which is that Learners engage in unsafe sex, while there is a reported increase of HIV/Aids cases among young people.
 - 8.3 The dangers of using drugs and alcohol abuse.
 - 8.4 Road safety may be included as an item. Some learners are knocked down by cars and so a need to mobilize them to be cautious when travelling.
 - 8.5 RCL leaders be given slots to mobilize and to plead with stakeholders from the communities to protect them from the criminal elements that get into schools to rob Teachers and learners of their devices like the cellphones and laptops.
 - 8.6 Placards bearing safety messages may be plucked around the schools with messages pleading for the protection of schools, Teachers and Learners.
9. It is our firm belief that starting the year off like this, may set a good tone for the delivery of quality education and help improve the performance of all schools.


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