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CIRCUIT MANAGERS
PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CHAIRPERSONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES

KZN CIRCULAR NO. 69 OF 2022

SUBJECT: ESCALATING CRIMINAL AND VIOLENT INCIDENTS IN SCHOOLS.

1. The KZN Department of Education has noted the escalating incidents of crime and violence in schools in the province.
2. Various break-ins where Teachers and Learners were robbed of their treasured belongings by criminals have been reported.
3. Distasteful confrontations between Teachers and Learners including amongst Learners themselves, have been observed in various media platforms.
4. Some of these confrontations have resulted in the feuding parties physically harming each other, sometimes even resulting to death.
5. Unwarranted and shameful incidents of shutting of school gates by parents have also been noted by the Department of Education.
6. It is for that reason that School Governing Bodies (SGBs) are encouraged to enhance their School Safety Committees to deal with such unruly elements in our communities.
7. The School Governing Bodies are kindly requested to ensure that School Safety Committees and Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign Committees are fully functional and that they meet, strategize, assess and re-strategize on a monthly basis
8. The School Governing Bodies are kindly requested to ensure that School Safety Committees and Quality learning and Teaching Committees are fully functional and that they meet, strategize, assess and re-strategize around issues of safety and teaching and learning on a monthly basis.
9. School Safety Plans and Code of Conduct must be reviewed in line with the criminal trends that are developing in the area where the school is located.



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10. These plans must be submitted to Circuit Managers for closer scrutiny and approval.
11. School Safety awareness campaigns, in line with the Provincial School Safety Strategy, must be heightened.
12. The Quality Learning and Teaching Campaign programmes must include measures to deal with the scourge of thuggery and violence.
13. Random Search and Seizure operations, in line with Section 8A of the South African Schools Act must be intensified. It is also worth noting that Section 8A (2) permits the principal or his/her delegate to carry out search and seizure operation without the involvement of the Police Service, provided there is a reasonable suspicion that a dangerous object or illegal drug may be found on school premises.
14. The School Governing Bodies must ensure that stakeholders are briefed about processes that are unfolding in schools on a regular basis so that no one claims ignorance and resort to shutting school gates
15. The contents of this circular must be brought to the attention of all educators, School Governing Bodies and all relevant stakeholders.

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