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Media Statement

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MEC MSHENGU INTERVENES ON SUKUMA HIGH SCHOOL MATTERS

PMB - Today, 06 June 2022, the MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Kwazi Mshengu met with Sukuma High School SGB and District Management, led by the District Director, Mr Siqhamo Mabinza. The aim of the meeting was to resolve several matters that has been bedevilling the school for a while.

The issues, which have been affecting the school negatively, include human resources related matters, National School Nutrition Programmes (NSNP) and general school governance issues. Sukuma Comprehensive High School, which is a boarding school, is one of KZN's most prestigious school, which has produced many influential leaders both in Government and in the Corporate World.

After deliberations by the SGB and the District Management, the MEC and the meeting agreed that the interviews for the principal post to be redone, due to issues that were raised with the interview process. "Following the decision of the grievance committee the process of appointing the principal should be concluded within 21 days," said the MEC.

The MEC asked the SGB to be extremely thorough and vigilant when dealing with this matter. The MEC further asked the SGB to deal with issues of norms and standards since there are issues in respect of financial management of the school, and;

- That the District Office must appoint an auditor to audit the financial records of the school, which it has failed to audit for the past two financial years;
- That the District Office must investigate the allegations that the school lent a teacher an amount of R14 000 that he borrowed personally, which is outstanding; and
- That the post of the English teacher be filled within the week.

"We are going to ask our auditors to audit the financial matters of the schools and the issues related to norms and standards," said the MEC.

"Sukuma is one of our schools with a rich pedagogical heritage and we are going to do everything in our power to ensure that this institution returns to its glorious heritage," concluded the MEC, who asked the community to be involved in issues of safety and governance of the school.

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