



**KWAZULU-NATAL PROVINCE**

**EDUCATION**  
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## **Media Statement**

Tuesday, 08 September 2020

### **TWO LEARNERS SUSPENDED OVER BULLYING INCIDENT AT MATHOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal has summarily suspended two learners, (pending the disciplinary hearing), who attacked a fellow learner as shown in the gruesome video clip that is being circulated on social media networks.

The School Governing Body has been directed to finalize the disciplinary process within 7 schooling days as stipulated in the South African Schools Act.

Professional therapy is currently being offered to the victim and other affected learners by competent psychologists from our sister Department of Social Development.

The Legal Services Unit has also been directed to assist the victim to open a case with the police and to contact social media platforms' administrators with the aim of removing and blocking circulation of the video.

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal wishes to appeal to members of the public to refrain from circulating the humiliating video clip as further circulation will only serve to inflict more harm to the dignity of the victim for the rest of her life.

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