



Private Bag X 9137, PIETERMARITZBURG, 3200

Anton Lembede Building, 247 Burger Street, Pietermaritzburg, 3201

MEC FOR EDUCATION IN KWA-ZULU NATAL WILL VISIT DR JOSEPH SHABALALA SECONDARY SCHOOL.

The Member of the Executive Committee (MEC) responsible for Education, Mr **Siphosihle Hlomuka**, will conduct an oversight visit at Dr Joseph Shabalala Secondary School following the emergence of a disturbing video of a teacher who was physically abusing a group of learners.

The MEC condemns this violent act as it goes against the established protocols for administering discipline in schools. Corporal Punishment, which includes any act of punishing or disciplining a learner that causes the learner any physical pain or injury and, in some instances, psychological harm, is prohibited by law.


As a signatory to the The United Nations “Convention on the Rights of the Child”, South Africa has adopted laws on negligent treatment or exploitation, so as to protect the child from all forms of physical and mental violence, injury, abuse and neglect

This visit will include meetings the School Management Team, members of the SGB as well as teachers and learners

The MEC’s visit will be conducted as follows:

MEC’s Oversight Visit:

 **Date: Wednesday, 3 September 2025**

 **Time: 07:00 – 09:00**

 **Venue: Dr Joseph Shabalala Secondary**

..//Ends...