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THE DEPARTMENT COMMENDS DUMISANI MAKHAYE LEARNERS

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, would like to thank learners and community members of Dumisani Makhaye High School, in Wilbadatch for standing up against hooligans who were stealing electric cables of the school and for ensuring that the thugs are apprehended by the police.

“Even though it is regrettable that there was disruption in teaching and learning as a result of the altercation with the intruders, we have always encouraged that communities must be the first defence of schools against criminals, hence we commend these learners for standing up to protect the school,” said MEC Mshengu.

The Department has on many occasions asked communities to protect schools against vandalism and thuggery and has on various occasions also asked communities to desist from closing or disrupting teaching and learning if they have grievances or any issue with schools.

Dumisani Makhaye High School is the state-of-the-art school that was recently built by the Department for the Wilbadatch community, and protecting the school from thugs, should remain the priority for the community of Wilbadatch and all communities elsewhere in the province.

The Department also asks for restraint from police where learners are involved, as it is reported that there were injuries during the stand-off with the police.

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