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THE KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ATTENDS TO THE MATTER OF AN ALLEGED BULLYING OF A GIRL LEARNER UNDER THE KING CETSHWAYO DISTRICT

Following upon the circulation of a TikTok video shared by a Grade 11 Girl Learner from eMpephose High School in the King Cesthwayo District, received by the Department of Education on Friday, 17 November 2023, which refers;

In the video, the girl learner paints a painful picture of how she has been bullied by a boy learner in the same Grade and Class. The alleged bullying said to have escalated to assault, when she was beaten up twice last week.

The Department has over the weekend traced the victim, arranged for our psychologist to have a session with her, interacted with her family, and assisted her in opening a case against the alleged perpetrator.

MEC Frazer has made a call to the community members to give the Department and the Law Enforcement Agencies time to deal with the matter, more especially the family of the alleged bully to say, the matter is under investigation by both the Department and the Law Enforcement Agencies therefore, continued contact with the victim is prohibited.

"This matter is very sensitive, especially in a country like ours where Gender Based Violence is rife, The Department has Zero Tolerance for Bullying", reiterated MEC Frazer.

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