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KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION CONDEMNS SCHOOL BULLYING AT MOUNT VIEW SECONDARY SCHOOL

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education is deeply concerned and shocked by a serious incident of school bullying that has been reported at Mount View Secondary School in Verulam.

The Department reiterates its zero-tolerance policy towards any form of bullying, harassment, or intimidation within schools. The safety, wellbeing, and emotional health of learners remain a top priority for the Department.

In a proactive effort to address this growing concern, the KwaZulu-Natal National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), in partnership with the KZN Department of Education and TruLife, yesterday launched a province-wide Anti-Bullying Campaign aimed at eradicating bullying in schools.

The initiative seeks to empower learners to stand up against bullying, promote a culture of safety and inclusion, and encourage peer-led support structures within the schooling environment. At the conclusion of the programme, all participants were invited to sign and adopt an Anti-Bullying Pledge, affirming their commitment to creating safer and more respectful school communities.

“As we approach the examination season, the focus for all our learners should be on studying and receiving the necessary support during this crucial period of the academic year. No learner should ever feel unsafe or intimidated at school. Bullying is traumatic and emotionally distressing for young people.

I have directed the Pinetown District Director to visit the school and investigate the complaint that has been lodged regarding this matter.

If learners found guilty of school bullying, there will be consequences and disciplinary action will be taken,” said KZN MEC for Education, Mr Siphon Hlomuka.

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