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KWAZULU-NATAL MEC FOR EDUCATION CONDEMNS VIOLENT BEHAVIOUR AMONG LEARNERS IN BILANYONI TOWNSHIP

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Mr Sipho Hlomuka, has expressed grave concern and strongly condemned the disturbing incident captured in a widely circulated video depicting two female learners engaged in a physical altercation in Bilanyoni Township.

The learners involved are reported to be from Kanye Kanye High School and Kwasa High School. The incident, which unfolded in full view of other learners and members of the community, is deeply troubling and unacceptable.

The Department has further noted with serious concern reports that such incidents have been ongoing for some time, with allegations that certain community members are not only spectators but, in some instances, perpetrators who incite or encourage these violent acts. This behaviour is reprehensible and undermines the safety, dignity, and well-being of our learners.

MEC Hlomuka has unequivocally condemned these enormous acts of violence, stating that they have the potential to destroy the lives and futures of young people.

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“Schools must remain safe havens for teaching and learning. We cannot allow a culture of violence to take root within our communities and spill over into our schools. Those who incite or participate in such acts are failing our children and must be held accountable,” said MEC Hlomuka.

The Department is working closely with both affected schools to investigate the circumstances surrounding the incident and to ensure that appropriate disciplinary measures are taken in line with school policies. Psycho-social support will also be provided to the learners involved, as well as to those who may have been affected by witnessing the incident.

Furthermore, the Department will engage with community stakeholders, including parents, local leadership, and law enforcement agencies, to address the root causes of such behaviour and to reinforce the collective responsibility of safeguarding learners.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education calls on all community members to refrain from promoting or participating in acts of violence and instead work together to foster a culture of respect, discipline, and care among young people.

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