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PROVINCE OF KWAZULU-NATAL

Media Statement

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THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED ABOUT THE TORN FACE MASK SOCIAL MEDIA POST

The Department of Education in KZN is concerned about the Facebook post making rounds that a Grade 1 Learner from Mbasela Primary School, under the Pinetown District went to school with a torn mask as a result of a Department's failure to provide face mask.

The learner in question came to school with a surgical mask and upon arrival was given two masks by the school. When the educator came back to the classroom, she asked why the learners' mask was suddenly torn as it appears on the Facebook post. The learner told the educator, that she torn it because she couldn't breathe properly, while wearing the mask. The learner was advised against it and was asked to properly wear the mask that was given to her by the Department.

The Facebook post, that purports to be asking for donations because the school was not provided with mask is both misleading and malicious and the Department condemns and refutes it in the strongest possible terms.

As a Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, we are committed to the safety of both our learners and educators.

As per the Covid-19 compliance, the Department is satisfied that all PPE's were delivered to schools in the Province of KwaZulu-Natal.

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ISSUED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN KWAZULU-NATAL

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