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**TO: THE CHIEF DIRECTORS: DISTRICT OPERATIONS
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THE CIRCUIT MANAGERS
THE PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC SCHOOLS
THE CHAIRPERSONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNING BODIES**

KZN CIRCULAR NO. 53 OF 2024

SUBJECT: LINKING OF SCHOOLS WITH POLICE STATIONS

1. The National School Safety Framework was developed to serve as a tool to identify and manage risks and threats of crime and violence in and around schools.
2. The Department of Education has also developed a National Strategy for the Prevention and Management of Alcohol and Drug use amongst learners in schools.
3. In terms of the *Regulations for Safety Measures at all Public Schools* the Minister has declared all public schools as drug free and dangerous weapons free zones.
4. The Department has a solid partnership with the South African Police Services aimed at maintaining safety in all schools.
5. In terms of the Implementation Protocol Between the Department of Basic Education and the South African Police Services, all schools must establish School Safety Committees and link them with local Police Stations.
6. The aim of the linkage programme is to solicit support of the local Police to:
 - 6.1 raise awareness amongst learners regarding crime and violence



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- 6.2 create awareness amongst learners about the impact of crime and violence on individuals, families and education.
- 6.3 ensure that schools are safe places and that children are not targeted by crime syndicates.
- 6.4 Conduct patrols around schools.
- 6.5 Conduct initial investigations into potential offences.
- 6.6 Assist schools with search and seizure operations as per section 8A of SASA.
- 7. Police are the most important element for safer communities. As a result, the centrality of police in the safety of schools cannot be questioned.
- 8. Relationships and links were established between SAPS and the previous cohort of School Governing Bodies.
- 9. New School Governing Bodies have just been elected and new relationships and links must be established between SAPS and these newly elected School Governing Bodies.
- 10. It is upon that basis that schools are requested to ensure that School Safety Committees are established immediately after the election of School Governing Bodies
- 11. All linkage forms must be submitted to the District Governance and Management office on or before the 30th of May 2024.
- 12. For uniformity purposes the linkage form is attached in this circular and schools are urged to only use the attached linkage form and nothing else.
- 13. Every effort must be made to eliminate the scourge of crime and violence in schools.

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