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HEAD OF DEPARTMENT ORDERS INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION INTO ALLEGATIONS CONTAINED IN A CIRCULATING VIDEO

The Head of Department (HOD) of the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education has noted with serious concern a video currently circulating on various social media platforms alleging the involvement of the Department's Head of Communications, Mr Mahlambi, in the unlawful selling of employment posts and vacancies within the Department.

The Department views these allegations in a serious light, as they touch on the integrity of public administration and the trust that the people of KwaZulu-Natal have placed in the Department. While the allegations remain untested, it is the responsibility of the Department to ensure that they are subjected to a fair, credible and impartial process.

Accordingly, the Head of Department has directed that a full investigation be commissioned through an independent body to establish the veracity of the allegations. The investigation will be conducted without fear, favour or prejudice, and all relevant evidence will be considered.

The Department wishes to emphasise that no conclusions should be drawn before the investigation has been concluded. It is important that due process is respected and that all parties are afforded the fairness guaranteed by law and the principles of natural justice.

The Head of Department wishes to reassure the people of KwaZulu-Natal, education stakeholders and the public at large that the Department remains committed to the highest standards of ethical conduct, accountability and good governance. The Department will cooperate fully with the independent investigation and will act decisively on its findings.

The Department further encourages any individual who may have credible information relevant to these allegations to make it available to the investigating body or the appropriate law enforcement authorities so that the matter can be thoroughly investigated.

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education remains steadfast in its commitment to maintaining transparent, fair and merit-based recruitment processes and will continue to protect the integrity of its institutions.

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