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**MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**KZN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ADDRESSES SEXUAL ASSAULT ALLEGATIONS AT MBAMBANGALO HIGH SCHOOL**

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education takes a serious view of allegations of sexual assault involving learners and a teacher at Mbambangalo High School in the uMgungundlovu District.

The Department confirms that the school principal, Mr Sibisi, reported allegations involving two learners and a teacher to the District Employee Relations Unit. The two affected learners have since been interviewed by an official from the Unit as part of the process of addressing the matter.

The teacher implicated in the allegations is currently on leave while the matter is being addressed through the appropriate departmental procedures.

The Department wishes to clarify that the school principal has indicated that the school has no knowledge of claims that 11 learners were raped and that three subsequently fell pregnant. These claims have not been verified by the information provided to the district and should not be presented as established facts.

The Department is also aware of reports of a protest at the school involving individuals reportedly affiliated with Lifeline. Information received by the district alleges that transport was arranged for protesters and that the school's gates were blocked. These claims have not been independently verified.

While the Department recognises the importance of raising concerns about learner safety, all allegations must be handled responsibly, and the relevant processes must be allowed to proceed without interference or the circulation of unverified information.

The safety, dignity and protection of every learner remain non-negotiable. The Department treats allegations of sexual assault with the utmost seriousness and expects all such matters to be addressed sensitively, fairly and in accordance with applicable procedures.

The Department urges all parties to respect the privacy of the affected learners, refrain from spreading unverified claims and cooperate with the relevant authorities as the matter is addressed.



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The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education remains committed to ensuring that schools are safe environments where learners are protected from abuse, exploitation and all forms of harm.

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