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GDE Urges Parents not to Panic

The Gauteng Department of Education (GDE) is calling upon parents in Gauteng not to panic in the midst of all the unrest that is currently taking place in various areas in the Province.

According to the information at our disposal, parts of Ekurhuleni, particularly schools in Katlehong, have been affected by this scourge of looting which has resulted in parents panicking as a result of a false alarm that learners are being kidnapped from schools

We have received a report that a learner was hit and injured by a gate at Nqubela Primary School this morning, he was rushed to the hospital by the Principal.

It must be noted that there are circulating social media posts suggesting that Lungisani Primary School was torched this morning, the department strongly refutes all these allegations. We want to reiterate that no school was burned today.

“We would like to appeal to parents to remain calm and urge the community to refrain from disrupting teaching and learning. We believe that with the ongoing criminal activities, our schools are a safer and conducive environment for learners than roaming in the streets; said MEC Lesufi.”

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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