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MEC LESUFI TO ADDRESS CONCERNS OVER BELA BILL

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, will today, on Tuesday, 5 July 2022, hold a media briefing to address concerns surrounding the Basic Education Laws Amendment (BELA) Bill.

This follows the Democratic Alliance's (DA) misleading campaign against the BELA Bill and the planned picketing at the Gauteng Department of Education offices today at 11:00. The DA has been alleging the BELA Bill seeks to attack Afrikaans and Mother Tongue Education, which is baseless.

The BELA Bill proposes to amend the South African Schools Act (SASA) and align it with ongoing developments in South Africa's education landscape. This is to ensure that systems of learning and excellence in education are put in place in a manner which respects, protects, promotes and fulfils the right to basic education as enshrined in the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa.

Members of the media may attend as follows:

Date: Tuesday, 5 July 2022
Time: 12:00 PM
Address: Hollard Building, Talis House, Marshalltown, Johannesburg

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

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