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MEC LESUFI FURIOUS AT TORCHING OF GLENVISTA HIGH SCHOOL HALL

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, has condemned the behaviour of a group of Glenvista High School learners who on Monday, 16 August 2021, allegedly burnt parts of the school premises.

We wish to condemn, in the strongest possible terms, the burning of the Glenvista High school hall allegedly by learners who did not want to write an assessment which was scheduled to be written in the hall that afternoon. Investigations into the matter by the SGB are ongoing.

Fortunately, the fire was extinguished before causing major damage. However; the curtains, projector screen, electrical wiring and PA system in the school hall were damaged by the fire.

“We are devastated to discover that learners could go as far as committing an act of arson, destroying school infrastructure in the process, just to escape an important assessment. As such, we will not fix the damages caused by this fire. The school must see to finish,” said MEC Lesufi after visiting the school today to assess the damage.

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

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