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MEC Condemns act of violence by a learner at Blue School

The Gauteng Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi wishes to condemn an act of violence portrayed by a learner towards an educator, today, 12 September 2018 at Eldorado Park Secondary School, popularly known as Blue School.

It is alleged that, a learner at the said school drew a firearm and threatened to shoot an Educator, fortunately, the said Educator managed to confiscate the firearm and later handed it over to the Eldorado Police.

The SGB will tomorrow, commence with necessary disciplinary process against the implicated learner.

It is paramount to remind learners that, schools are meant for education and as such they, must always focus on being enriched with knowledge for their successful future endeavors. Ill-discipline will not assist them to achieve any objectives.

Psycho-Social Support team will be dispatched to the school to offer counselling to all affected by the alleged incident at the school.

We strongly condemn any acts of learner misconduct, which seeks to undermine the dignity of both learners and educators.

The MEC wants cases such as school based violence and other related recalcitrant behaviour to be expedited, accordingly. The department strongly condemns any ill-discipline in schools, which could lead to serious action being taken against involved learners.

The department has a policy of zero-tolerance to any form of misconduct. Anyone found to be transgressing this policy will be dealt with in line with South African Schools Act (SASA), which governs all schools.

“We urge all our learners to refrain from acts of misconduct in schools, and call upon the SGB to take decisive action on this matter” said MEC Lesufi.

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

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