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## MEDIA ADVISORY

**To: All Media**

**Att: News Editors**

**For immediate release**

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### **MEC Panyaza Lesufi to visit Onverwacht Community after Onverwacht Primary School was set alight by the protestors on Friday 24 March 2017**

The Gauteng Department of Education MEC Panyaza Lesufi, will today 28 March 2017, visit the community of Cullinan following malicious damage of property at Onverwacht Primary by community protesters. We can confirm that 3 classes, Nutrition storeroom and office of the principal were affected by fire.

The objective of the visit is to interact with the community and condemn any destruction of school property. The department will continue to work closely with law enforcement agencies to ensure that the culprits are brought to book. Teaching and learning at the school continued as normal without disruptions today.

The department respects and upholds everyone's right to protest as enshrined in our constitution. However, we would like to make a humble request to communities who engage in protests not to disrupt learning and teaching in our schools. We also urge community members to use available structures to raise issues of concern and not resort to damage of school properties.

### **Members of the media are invited as follows:**

Date: 28 March 2017  
Time: 17h00  
Venue: Onverwacht local church Building  
Cullinan  
Pretoria

To RSVP please contact Madika Mofokeng on 011 355 0411 or Oageng Pitoro on 011 355 0901.

**For more information contact the Gauteng Department of Education's acting spokesperson, Oupa Bodibe on 072 645 4569 or 011 355 0535.**

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