

## **MEDIA** STATEMENT

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MEC Lesufi condemns ill-behaviour of Parktown Boys High learners

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, strongly condemns the illbehaviour displayed by a group of Grade 12 learners from Parktown Boys High School who were video recorded having a violent altercation on Thursday, 8 April 2021.

The incident is alleged to have occurred in the afternoon at the school's tuckshop. Disturbing video footage of the alleged incident shows one learner violently attacking another learner before being stopped by a group of learners. This video has since gone viral while the learners involved in the altercation have, subsequently, been suspended.

MEC Lesufi denounces the ill-discipline shown by these learners and urges all learners not to behave in a manner that will jeopardize their future.

"We do not tolerate any sort of violent behaviour in our schools. Learners must focus on their studies and if a matter arises which bothers them; they must consult with their educators or principals about it - instead of taking matters into their own hands," said MEC Lesufi.

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

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