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MEC Lesufi condemns ill-discipline from Lenasia South Secondary learners

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, vehemently condemns the ill-discipline displayed by a group of learners from Lenasia South Secondary School following a viral video of a learner being attacked by other learners.

After witnessing the disturbing video footage, MEC Lesufi immediately visited the school on Wednesday, 17 March and was informed that the incident allegedly took place after school on Tuesday, 16 March 2021, on a road in front of the school. The video shows a learner being brutally attacked by other learners in the middle of the road with oncoming traffic.

Our officials revealed that the scuffle, which was necessitated by conflict, involved six (6) learners, three (3) Grade 12 learners, two (2) Grade 11 learners and one (1) Grade 8 learner. All identified learners will be suspended for either being an instigator, perpetrator, accomplice or victim. Subsequently, a disciplinary hearing will be conducted in due course.

MEC Lesufi denounces the ill-discipline displayed by these learners in the strongest possible sense. He instructed the Johannesburg South District to support the school in managing this matter. The police are also investigating circumstances surround this incident.

“What I witnessed on that video is totally unacceptable and cannot be tolerated. There is no amount of anger that can justify any form of violence in our schools. We denounce all acts of ill-discipline that may compel learners to behave violently,” said MEC Lesufi.

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

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