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KELEDI SECONDARY SCHOOL DIRECTED TO IMMEDIATELY DISCIPLINE THE BULLIES

The Mpumalanga Department of Education has noted with serious concern and shock a video currently circulating on social media platforms depicting three learners allegedly assaulting another learner at Keledi Secondary School in Achornhoek in Bushbuckridge Local Municipality.

The Department strongly condemns all forms of violence, intimidation and bullying as such conduct undermines the rights, dignity and safety of learners.

Schools are centres of learning, care and protection, and any behaviour that threatens the wellbeing of learners is completely unacceptable.

The Department has since directed that the School Governing Body of Keledi Secondary School to immediately institute disciplinary processes against the learners implicated in the matter, suspend them pending the outcome of the hearings in line with applicable policies and prescripts governing learner's code conduct.

The Department has further requested the school to submit a comprehensive report outlining the circumstances surrounding the incident and the interventions already undertaken by the school.

In addition, officials from the Department's wellness section will be deployed to the school on Monday, 18 May 2026 to provide psychosocial support services to the affected learner and any other learners who may have been emotionally impacted by the incident.

The Department remains committed to promoting safe, disciplined and conducive learning environments across all schools in the province.

Learners, parents, educators and community members are encouraged to work collectively in confronting bullying and to report such incidents without delay.

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