



TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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SUBJECT : DEPARTMENT APPOINTS INVESTIGATING TEAM ON THE PASSING OF CEFUPS ACADEMY LEARNER

The Mpumalanga Department of Education has learnt with shock about the developments at one of its Independent Schools, Cefups Academy, where it is alleged that a 19 year old Grade 12 learner was assaulted, hospitalised and subsequently passed away on Friday, 01 August 2014.

The Department has already conveyed its sincere condolences to the bereaved family and at the same time instituted an investigating team to:

- probe circumstances that led to the death of the learner.
- assist in ensuring that the perpetrator/s are brought to book.
- advise the Head of Department on possible action to be undertaken in line with the Regulations Relating to the Registration, Withdrawal of Registration and Subsidies to Independent School which were gazetted on 05 March 2013.

The investigating team is expected to submit their final report to the Head of Department on Friday, 08 August 2014. The Head of Department will rely on this report to make an informed decision.

The Department will work closely with the bereaved family to ensure that justice takes its course.

The Department wishes to state categorically that it does not condone any acts of corporal punishment in any of its schools, including Independent Schools.

May the soul of the departed rest in peace.

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