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**RIGHT TO REPLY : SCHOOL PREGNANCY SHOCK (WEDNESDAY
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The article published on Wednesday July 21, **School Pregnancy Shock**, was highly exaggerated.

The Department sent officials to Malatse High School following the publication of the article and discovered that the facts on the numbers of pregnant learners have been distorted by Mr. Alfred Moselagomo.

The actual number of pregnant learners at Malatse High School is **20**, much less than what was reported.

The Department also wants to put it on record that at no stage did Mr. Moselagomo contact the Department before the publication of the article as is always the practice. No inquiry was referred to the Spokesperson, Mr. Jasper Zwane or the Media liaison Officer, Mr. Gerald Sambo for verification of the published figures and facts.

Whilst the Department acknowledges that learner pregnancy is a matter of concern, it would advise that facts be reported as they are without any exaggeration.

The Department therefore requests that the reported facts be corrected for the article to have the true state of affairs.

Regards
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