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SACE CONDEMNS THE ACTION OF LUTHUTHU SECONDARY SCHOOL PRINCIPAL FOR LOWERING A LEARNER INTO A PIT TOILET

The South African Council for Educators (SACE) has learnt with shock and dismay about allegations wherein a principal of Luthuthu Secondary School allegedly used a rope to lower down an 11 years old pupil into a pit toilet to search and attempt to fish out his cell phone which had allegedly accidentally fallen into the said pit toilet. SACE condemns in the strongest terms possible this alleged inhumane behaviour by the principal.

Speaking today in its Head Office, Centurion the SACE Chief Executive Officer Ms. Ella Mokgalane, indicated that the alleged teacher has been suspended pending an investigation into the allegations.

Council views these allegations in a very serious light and has already sent out a team of SACE investigators to visit the school on Wednesday 18 March 2021 and to investigate the allegations.

A precautionary suspension which has already been served on the principal will allow investigations to happen without any interference. As a professional body for educators, SACE calls upon all stakeholders, parents, and community members to report any inappropriate behaviour by teachers to it.

SACE would like to take the opportunity to applaud and thank those individuals and institutions, in particular, Khula community development that continue to report these kinds of cases to SACE", said CEO Ella Mokgalane.

The CEO further indicated that the Department of Social Development has arranged counselling for the learner and thanked them for their swift reaction and attendance to the learner.

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