



## Media Statement

The South African Council for Educators has noted the uproar caused by statements relating to teachers arming themselves at schools to enhance their safety. We need to reiterate our view as Council that the promotion of violence in centres of teaching and learning cannot be supported and that is the very reason why these incidents are always condemned by SACE.

We need to promote the values of dignity, tolerance, responsibility, accountability, and respect at all times as a Nation and more importantly the revitalizing the role of families in inculcating these societal values to our children.

Council with its Teachers' Rights, Responsibilities and Safety Programme aims to achieve these noble values and call on all our educators to embrace and take ownership of this Programme which we are taking to all Provinces in the country. Education is a societal obligation and we again making the call for society to not fold its arms when our teachers and schools are under attack as experienced recently.

The call for provisioning of safety measures in schools need to be undertaken as a matter of urgency in ensuring that access to schools is controlled as much as possible and schools be declared safe zones free from any sort of weapons and any person found in possession of such be dealt with severely for they shall have acted against the law. To all our teachers be assured of our continued support and continuously engaging the employers to ensure that a safe working environment is created for you to perform your duties well.

Our learners must rise up in defence of their right to learn and be taught by teachers who are free from being abused or attacked because this robs them of their future which they should not allow.

Dear parents please play your role in inculcating the values we highlighted above

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