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MEDIA STATEMENT

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SACE CONDEMNS THE CHARACTER ASSASSINATION LEVELED AGAINST TEACHERS

The South African Council for Educators has noted the unpalatable story of what happened to Mr. Patrick Buthelezi a teacher from KZN who spent 13 months in prison after being falsely accused and jailed for a crime he did not commit.

These are very disturbing stories and are part of an assault teachers face in the country and we condemn in the strongest possible terms the scheming perpetuated by some individuals in the course of character assassination of our teachers.

We are appreciative that the truth has finally surfaced about this matter although we were never informed or given a report about this incident, we shall be establishing a panel to investigate matter and more importantly provide the teacher with the necessary support in dealing with his ordeal.

It is against this background that we call on the nation to refrain from falsely accusing teachers and in the process destroying their lives.

It is more so disgusting that children as young as this child will be used in such scheming.

We want to assure the nation and the profession in particular that our processes are so thorough and that we do not tolerate any false accusations reported to us, we will not hesitate to deal harshly with the perpetrators

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