



**DEPARTMENT OF
SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT**

MEDIA STATEMENT

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DSD MEETING PHALA SECONDARY SCHOOL MANAGEMENT FOLLOWING ALLEGATIONS OF SEXUAL ABUSE OF LEARNERS.

The Limpopo Department of Social Development is today meeting Phala Secondary School management in Senwabarwana, following allegations of sexual abuse on school boys by a male teacher. It is reported that a male teacher allegedly abused young boys in return for good marks. After meeting the school management, the Department's senior officials will make an assessment to establish the exact support and resources that needs to be deployed to the school.

Social workers are ready to move into the school and start providing psychosocial support to the pupils and also parents of the victims.

“Upon learning about the allegations, we then decided to react swiftly in terms of activating Social Work services to go to the school and conduct a full assessment. Our social workers will then compile a report which will enable us to activate relevant stakeholders such as the police, NPA and Health practitioners, as we are more concerned about the welfare of our children. We are reiterating our call for members of the public to speak out when incidents of this nature surfaces and we encourage victims to report the matter and we will support them unconditionally. Parents should also be observant at all times to any changes in their children's behavior, possibly signaling some sort of abuse” said MEC Nkakareng Rakgoale.

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