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MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya Condemns acts of arson at Ramatsagalala Secondary School

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, strongly condemns the recent acts of arson at Ramatsagalala Secondary School in Kgobokwane, Sekhukhune Education District.

The preliminary report indicates that the second fire incident at the school was reported within a period of three weeks, which has resulted in extensive damage to classrooms, the administration block, vital learning equipment and materials essential for teaching and learning.

“Schools are safe havens for learning, development, and opportunity. The destruction of educational infrastructure is not only unlawful but also undermines the collective efforts to improve the quality of education in our province,” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Department commends emergency services for their swift response in containing the fire relieved that no injuries were reported. The matter has been formally reported to the South African Police Service and a thorough and expedited investigation has been requested to ensure that those responsible are brought to justice.

Furthermore, the Department is working closely with the Municipality, school management and relevant stakeholders to assess the full extent of the damage and to implement urgent contingency measures to ensure that teaching and learning continues with minimal disruption.

MEC has also appealed to community members to work jointly to protect school infrastructure and to cooperate with law enforcement agencies by providing any information that may assist in the investigation.

“We urge the community to stand united against crime and to safeguard our schools, which represent hope and progress for our learners,” concluded MEC.

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