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**MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya welcome The arrest of three School Governing Body [SGB] at Kwenatshwene Primary School**

MEC for Limpopo Education, Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has welcomed the arrest of three School Governing Body (SGB) members accused of fraud and theft. The trio, Mafane Kenneth Lekala, Ngwanamotsogana Rebecca Magaele and Rantweu Simon Makweng allegedly swindled the school funds at Kwenatshwene Primary School in Ngwaritsi village.

The MEC condemns the behavior of these SGB members, who abused their positions to enrich themselves at the expense of the school and its learners. "It is unacceptable that individuals entrusted with managing school funds would engage in such corrupt activities," said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Hawks' investigation revealed that the former principal of Kwenatshwene Primary School discovered missing cheque book pages and unauthorized signed cheques by Mr. Lekala. The matter was reported to the Hawks, leading to the arrest of the trio on April 1, 2025.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya emphasizes that such actions will not be tolerated and that those responsible will face the full might of the law. The MEC commends the Hawks for their swift action and encourages anyone with information about similar cases to come forward.

The trio appeared in the Nebo Magistrates Court on April 2, 2025, and were granted R10,000 bail each. Their case has been postponed to May 28, 2025, for further investigation.

MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya remains committed to ensuring that education funds are utilized effectively and efficiently to benefit learners and not lining the pockets of corrupt individuals and it is for that reason that the trio were suspended as SGB members until their names are cleared.

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