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THE DEPARTMENT IS AWARE OF DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE'S CLAIMS

The Limpopo department of Education is aware of claims made by the DA through a Media statement dated 06 March 2024 making rounds on social media platforms.

The department is fully aware about the situation in Laerskool Laersdrift Combined and Sango Combined School; and it should also be clear that the principal of Laersdrift is not refusing nor rejecting the realignment nor directive from the department as it is carried out in the statement.

An application for the realignment of the two schools was approved; meaning the two schools were to swap learners. That is, Sango secondary learners will be moved to Laersdrift and Laersdrift primary learners would be moved to Sango.

Our decision was taken on an educational sound reason and based on the requirements of the South African Schools Act that we only have two types of schools which are primary and secondary. The decision was that primary learners be moved to Sango as it is situated in the centre of the village and safe for primary learners as it is closer to their homes; and all secondary learners will then be catered at Laersdrift.

The Governing Body of Laersdrift raised concerns about the realignment to the extent that they escalated the matter to the National Association of School Governing Bodies. This Association took the matter to the High Court to challenge the departmental decision and the outcome of the court is that the approval by the Accounting Officer be set aside.

The department will dispatch a team to conduct more investigation and provide necessary support.

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