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CIRCULAR 0136/99

TO:

CHIEF DIRECTORS, DIRECTORS, AREA AND CIRCUIT MANAGERS AND PRINCIPALS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS AND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS

PROHIBITION OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT IN SCHOOLS

1. It has come to the attention of the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) that learners at some schools are still being subjected to one or other form of corporal punishment.
2. In this regard the attention of principals is drawn to the fact that in terms of section 10(1) of the South African Schools Act, 1996 (Act No. 84 of 1996), no person at a school may mete out corporal punishment (in any form) to a learner. In terms of section 10(2) of the aforementioned Act, any person who contravenes the prohibition of the meting out of corporal punishment to a learner in a school is guilty of an offence, and liable on conviction to a sentence which could be imposed for assault.
3. Principals are therefore requested to point out the seriousness of the matter to educators and to warn them that the educator(s) concerned and/or the school could be charged with a criminal offence by parents of learners. Educators at public schools who make themselves guilty of meting out corporal punishment, should also note that in addition they could be charged departmentally with misconduct by the WCED.
4. The contents of this circular must be brought to the attention of and be signed by all concerned.
5. Your co-operation will be appreciated.

HEAD: EDUCATION (Adults)

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