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EDUCATION PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE STUNNED BY ACTS OF ARSON

The Acting Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee, Hon HGS Mavimbela expressed shock at reports of the burning of Mpolweni Secondary school under uMgungundlovu District. The school is reported to have caught fire early this morning amid the NSC exams affecting several Matric learners.

"Whilst we do not have full report on what may have caused fire incident indications there are suspicions that this may have been an utterly criminal act, which as a Committee we would like that responsible face the full might of the law", Hon Mavimbela said.

It is reported that about 141 Matric candidates are still sitting for their exams and will be accommodated in nearby schools.

The Committee will await full report from the district whilst at the same time appeals to law enforcement agencies to act swiftly and apprehend those responsible. |

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