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COPE CONDEMNS TEACHER-STUDENT SCUFFLE AT HOËR TEGNIESE SKOOL WELKOM

For immediate release.

A video showing a physical altercation between a teacher and a Grade 8 student at Hoër Tegniese Skool Welkom has gone viral, causing widespread alarm and debate across social media.

The incident, which occurred on September 2, depicts the teacher and the student engaged in a scuffle over a mobile phone. According to media reports, the confrontation began when the teacher requested the student turn off the mobile phone, which reportedly disrupted the class.

The situation escalated when the student allegedly refused to comply, leading to the physical altercation now captured in the widely circulated video.

The Congress of the People (COPE) would like to condemn the incident in the strongest terms possible and express deep concern over the altercation.

“Such behaviour is unacceptable and must be addressed with the utmost seriousness. We take this matter seriously. The safety of everyone on the premises of schools remains our utmost priority,” said COPE Acting National Treasurer Tebogo Loate. “Incidents like these undermine the sanctity of the educational environment and can have lasting effects on both students and staff.”

COPE calls for a thorough investigation into the incident to ensure accountability and to prevent similar occurrences in the future. The party urges the school administration to work closely with all stakeholders, including students, parents and teachers, to address the root causes of such conflicts and to reinforce protocols that protect the well-being of all individuals in the educational setting.

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