



SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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RE: MONITORING

1. The South African Human Rights Commission ("the Commission") is a state institution established in terms of section 181 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa (Constitution) to support constitutional democracy.
2. In terms of section 184 of the Constitution of the Constitution, the Commission must promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights, and to monitor and assess the observance of human rights in South Africa.
3. It is against this background that South African Human Rights Commission wishes to inform you of its intention to conduct monitoring activities at Schools in the Eastern Cape for the 23/24 financial year.

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4. With these monitoring activities, the Commission seeks to establish whether the responsible organs of the state complies with its constitutional obligation to provide services which ensure that the human rights of those persons under its care are respected and realized.
5. All the monitoring activities will be announced or unannounced and will be conducted through questionnaires and physical inspections. The commission will appreciate if the Department can share with us details of the contact persons when need arise, we can contact them.
6. The Commission therefore kindly request that you inform all the relevant officials of the planned monitoring activities and that the Commission will undertake this exercise in line with its legislative and constitutional mandate, particularly section 13 (1)(a)(iii) of the South African Human Rights Act, 40 of 2013 and section 184 (1) and (2) of the constitution.

Yours Faithfully

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