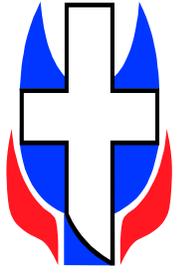


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Att: Rev Dr L. Mpetsheni.

RE: MAKAULA SENIOR SECONDARY SHOOOL MOUNT FRERE.

On Tuesday, June 23, 2020 media reported that:

[The Departments of Basic Education and Health are working together to support 204 learners and hostel assistants who have contracted Coronavirus at Makaula Senior Secondary School in KwaBhaca [Mount Frere], Eastern Cape. The Department of Basic Education claimed that a team of doctors and tracers has since been sent to attend to the school.

Meanwhile, the department is also lending a helping hand to educators and parents who are affected by the incident.

According to the department, many cases have surfaced in schools are as a result of the safety requirements that are being implemented, since the schools partially reopened for grades 7 and 12 on June 8.

"Schools have been urged to follow the standard operating procedures to ensure that appropriate measures are applied to assist all those infected and affected by the virus," the department added.

Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga believes that these cases show that many people already had the virus but were unaware until they were screened and identified...]

We as the Church have been hit hard by the pandemic as tis disaster penetrated to our Presbytery within Mbonda Congregation grounds. We therefore need prayers at this, difficult times of handling trauma cases whereby it has been alleged that some of the hostel students disappeared from their places of residence in panic. This poses threat to the community that we are pastorally servicing.

I am appealing to the larger Church on behalf of East Griqualand Presbytery Moderator, who is also the Moderator of Mbonda Congregation for PRAYERS.

Yours in Christ,
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