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STATEMENT FROM MINISTER MOTSHEKGA REGARDING HER GBV REMARKS TO LEARNERS AT PROSPECTUS HIGH SCHOOL

Basic Education Minister Angie Motshekga has noted with concern media commentary regarding her remarks while addressing learners at Prospectus High School in Pretoria today, 15 February 2021. The comments were made in relation to gender-based violence.

Rape is indeed about power, hence the Department has programmes to educate the boy child to appreciate the importance of how to deal with power relations between men and women from a young age. Therefore, my remarks must not be taken out of the context of educating children to develop them to become better people.

Men need to be educated about how to deal with power, patriarchy and negative or toxic masculinity. Educating men about power relations is also important also in the fight against rape.

Regarding the reaction of the learners, I was not going to debate because the purpose of my remarks was to encourage them to be educated on GBV including educating them about women abuse.

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