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PARTNERSHIP IN DIALOGUE TO TACKLE GANGSTERISM IN SCHOOLS

The department of Community Safety and Transport Management recently mobilised stakeholders in the province to deal with gangsterism in schools around Bloemhof.

Thousands of learners from nine schools in the area participated at the #gangsmustfall dialogue; an initiative set to root out gangsterism in schools which seems to be causing serious disturbance to the learning processes.

Learners in attendance voiced out their concerns regarding the effects of gangsterism while others disclosed reasons why they chose to be part of these groups of hooligans.

Brigadier Mokgwabone from the NW SAPS pleaded with learners to stay focused on their studies and avoid joining gangs. "Joining these gangs will ruin your life and you will end up in jail. Older people who controls these gangs use young and innocent kids. They think young kids don't get arrested, they are wrong," he said.

The Acting Head of the Department, Mr Buti Chuma also emphasised that learners should think of their future. "These groups/gangs are not good for you. Think of the kind of future you want to have, you are the only one who can decide that. Listen to your teachers and parents, study hard and excel in your studies, then the sky will be the limit for you" he concluded.

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