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Mr April
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Dear Mr April,

It was great to meet with you yesterday.

I'd like to begin by placing on record that Equal Education takes full responsibility for the learners participating in tomorrow's gathering. These include learners from almost every high school in Khayelitsha, from Wallecedene, from Herzlia School in Oranjezicht, amongst others. We want to assure you that we have taken all precautions with regard to transport, planning, medical services and security.

We want to emphasise that a gathering of this nature is not an irresponsible way to behave. The children will express themselves through poems, songs, stories and visual media. They will enable their voices to be heard. They will participate as democratic citizens who are claiming their rights. They are in fact taking responsibility for their education and their schools. All of this should be seen as positive and encouraged by their schools.

We will be fetching learners after school so that they don't miss school. In future we will try to have all our activities after school hours so that no teaching time is compromised. There may be instances where this is not possible, but we will try to minimise these.

We consider ourselves to have a working relationship with Luhlaza School that is ongoing. Any differences can and must be resolved because there is great potential for us to work together, as seen in Equal Education's contribution of R5000 towards the windows, and the agreement by the WCED, through our efforts, to contribute a further R7000. Together with the school's R5000 we will, together, soon see all the windows fixed, which is something for us all to celebrate and build upon.

I spoke yesterday with Trevor from *All Glass*. He has agreed that the quote he supplied three months ago is still valid. This is to fix every broken window in the school with safety glass. *All Glass* is available to begin immediately. I sent all details to Mrs Sophothela at the WCED yesterday, and so as soon as we have their approval, we will move ahead with *All Glass*. I raised the issue of the two burnt classrooms, and Trevor has agreed to begin with these. I suggest we do the entire job in one go, rather than as two separate jobs. If you have any concern with the above, please let me know.

We would be happy to meet with the teaching body as Luhlaza to discuss our work over the past few months and plans for the future. This may give a chance for any misunderstandings to be resolved, and for the foundation of a healthy relationship to be laid.

It might also be good if you would pass this letter on to the Deputy Principal.

Many thanks for your time and energy,

Sincerely,



Doron Isaacs
Coordinator – Equal Education