FISH HOEK VALLEY RATEPAYERS & RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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TO: THE SELECT COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION AND TECHNOLOGY,

SPORTS, ARTS AND CULTURE OF THE NCOP NOLUTHANDO SKAKA <u>nskaka@parliament.gov.za</u>

SUBJECT: COMMENTS ON BASIC EDUCATION LAWS AMENDMENT (BELA) [B2B

2022]

DUE DATE: 19 JANUARY 2024

The Fish Hoek Valley Ratepayers & Residents Association (FHVRRA) feels that our basic education institution is broken. In a big initial transformation wave, experienced educators were given early retirement or made redundant. Teacher unions have now effectively blocked dismissals of ineffectual instructors. At this point, the absolute power of the unions must be addressed first. When effective teachers are allowed to obtain good results from their learners (performance assessments), it will draw the parents of the homeschoolers to send their children to also obtain social skills from the interactions with other children at formal schools.

Penalising the parents of homeschoolers makes no sense. They, like all other parents, want what is best for their children. At the moment, our basic education institutions are not providing a viable alternative to a good education.

Perhaps the FHVRRA consists of older citizens, but none of us would want to instruct undisciplined children in an environment of strong peer pressure to disobey lawful instructions. Corporal punishment is needed in all schools. However, initiation practices should be banned.

We oppose any conditions were alcohol may be sold or consumed on school premises for any events. Parents and teachers should provide good examples to the students.

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