



LENASIA TEACHERS TO JOIN BOYCOTT

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Teachers from Lenasia high schools last night decided to down tools in support of more than 1 000 Cape teachers who have already joined the schools boycott.

This is the first time Transvaal teachers have come out in an open stand against racially separated education.

As the education crisis entered its third week in the Transvaal – and fourth week in the Cape – the teachers also warned that any intimidation of teachers by the Department of Indian Affairs or the security police would lead to a mass walkout of teachers and students.

At last night's meeting 100 teachers from various teacher bodies resolved:

- Not to teach until racially separated education had been scrapped and the situation returned to normal.
- To support the pupils' stand against educational discrimination.
- To inform parents' and pupils' action committees of their down-tools decision.

In 1976 the Soweto pupil revolt began when the administration issued a decree that all black schools were to teach several subjects, including Mathematics, in Afrikaans instead of English. Teachers objected, but the authorities remained adamant. The pupils took up the slogan "Liberation before Education" and ignited the revolt.

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