

STATEMENT
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Statement on Expelled Students
- **Andrew Einhorn (Managing Director of Non-Profit Organization Numeric)**

Cape Town: On Monday (9 October 2017), we regrettably had to expel 10 students from our Numeric Teaching Academy. This was because these students breached our student and coaching codes of conduct. Following a formal disciplinary process, these students were dismissed from the Academy.

At the start of 2017 a total of 17 students received Numeric bursaries to the value of R 70 850 each to attend the Numeric Teaching Academy. Additionally, the organisation applied for government assistance in the form of Funza Lushaka bursaries on behalf of the students, on the condition that if the bursary application was successful the proceeds would be split 50/50, with half going to the student as a 'top-up' to their Numeric bursary and half being used by the organisation to subsidise the cost of the living stipends it provides to these students. All 17 students have signed agreements to this effect (dated 18 October 2016) - we will post an example of this agreement on our website later this morning.

Note that the value of the Funza bursary is R58,280 and the Numeric bursary is R70,850. According to the agreement, if a student who had the Numeric bursary then also received the Funza bursary their total bursary would be R99,990 (R70,850 from Numeric plus half of the Funza bursary R29,140); the other half of the Funza bursary is paid to Numeric to cover costs.

9 of the 10 expelled students are recipients of this additional support from government, but when asked to pay the agreed-upon amount to the organisation, refused to do so. They further refused to honour their coaching obligations in terms of their coaching contracts, which is to teach two afternoons a week in Numeric's afterschool programs located in Khayelitsha, Mitchells Plain and Mfuleni, to the detriment of Numeric's beneficiaries and partner schools. We are pleased to report that our program teams have worked hard and managed to find substitute coaches for the expelled students, and that our programs continue to run smoothly and Numeric scholars continue to receive their Maths lessons in spite of these unfortunate events.

We have tried to resolve this issue internally and to that effect attended a meeting requested by the students on 2 September 2017 to discuss this but unfortunately could not come to an agreement.

While there is a fundamental disagreement between us at Numeric and the expelled students which prevents an ongoing relationship, we believe these students may yet go on to become Maths teachers in South Africa and we wish them well in doing so. We will continue to do our work in helping learners with their mathematics and training future teachers.

For any further queries please email info@numeric.org

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About Numeric:

Numeric has developed a low-cost, scalable model for the delivery of high impact after school programs in low-income areas. We currently operate 40 after school programs across Khayelitsha, Mfuleni, Mitchells Plain and Soweto, with 80 active coaches and ±2000 participating learners. Our programs are targeted at learners in Grade 7 and provide an intensive one-year program in foundational mathematics.

In 2016 Numeric launched the Numeric Teaching Fellowship with a view to attracting bright young graduates into the teaching profession and assisting them to obtain their post-graduate certificate in education (PGCE). During their year of training, students complete their PGCE degree, receive content and professional training from Numeric, and coach in Numeric afterschool programs to obtain practical teaching experience.