

Interview with Soweto High School Students.

Soweto High Schools: Educ Crisis

Soweto has got 52 High Schools.

Since the reopening of school after the winter vacation, there hadn't been normal times at schools.

Especially after the DET imposition of new regulations at schools about ~~about~~ and security measures and IDs.

Registration:

90% of the schools of Soweto did not register instead they protested against the registrations.

Boycott:

Since the reopening of schools the student have been boycotting classes in protest against DET's new regulations and security measures at schools.

The schools had been calling boycott individually until there was a uniform boycott for all Soweto High Schools which ~~star~~ will take three day. It has started on wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> August until 15<sup>th</sup> August.

The 3 day <sup>school</sup> boycott since wednesday is 80% successful.

Reasons for Boycott.

The students had been burning their identity cards at schools as a sign of refusal to carry them.

Reasons of school boycott:

1. Protest against the presence of SADF at schools.
2. High matric failure rate
3. New DEI Regulations about IDs.
4. Harassment of students in schools.

5. Detention of students under Emergency regulations.
6. The Lifting of State of Emergency.

### Future plans.

Plans are underway for another action if the students demands are not met by 20<sup>th</sup> August 1986.

Parents and workers are going to be involved, decision will be taken at the parents/students and worker meeting which shall be held all over Soweto.

### 1986 Nov Exam.

The students do not see any possibility of writing their final year exams because

1. There is no sufficient time for them to study.
2. The SADF disrupt lesson/classes daily.

Its either students are sjamboked, fired with teargas or chased with dogs in the school premises during lessons or during interval.

At one school the SADF members attempted to assault the Principal when he told them to leave the school premises.

They even act as prefects at other schools, they wait at the school gates in the morning and tell student to go back home because they arrived late or allow them in and tell them to stay their class room from 8'o clock untill 4.00pm, no short break, no kinder, students mustn't go to toilets during lessons otherwise...