





# FORENSIC INVESTIGATION







# FINANCIAL AUDIT vs FORENSIC AUDIT

- Financial audit
  - Report on financial statements
  - Materiality
  - Predetermined audit plan and standards
- Forensic audit
  - Report for legal proceedings
  - No level of assurance / materiality
  - Well documented findings





# WHEN TO CONSIDER A FORENSIC REVIEW

- Known fraud and embezzlement
- Corruption
- Asset misappropriation
- Financial irregularities
- Allegations vs facts
- Non-compliance to laws and regulations





#### FORENSIC REVIEW IN SCHOOLS

- Section 16A (2)(g)(ii) to Section 16A (2)(k)
- Communication to Department and role players
- Department vs Governing body
- Governing body to start the process in most instances





# PROCEDURES IN A FORENSIC REVIEW

- Planning
  - What, when, why, how, who
- Collection of evidence
  - Interviews
  - Analytical procedures
  - Substantive techniques
- Reporting
- Court proceedings





# OTHER CONSIDERATIONS

- Control environment
- Untoward relationships
- Ethical / political considerations
- Source of evidence





#### **OUTCOMES**

- Criminal proceedings
  - Case to be opened at SAPS
  - State to prosecute
  - Criminal record
- Civil proceedings
  - Claim against guilty party
  - School/Governing body is claimant
  - Monetary settlement
- Disciplinary proceedings
  - By employer
  - Labour legislation and regulations
  - Sanctions may vary





