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## **Education Digest 30**

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### **A Journey through the Vuwani schools' ashes**

The violence that led to the destruction of these schools is devastating. Learning has been severely compromised, exam preparation has been suspended and there are thousands of pupils stuck in a state of paralysis, not knowing when learning will resume. In some schools, records of admission numbers and pupils' results have been lost. The effects of this will be felt for years to come. <http://tinyurl.com/zeneqw4>

### **Gauteng education sets up R80m ICT School**

Previously dysfunctional Fontanus High School in Soweto has been revamped into a "learning facility of the future" with a core focus on subjects such as engineering, maths and science; ICT and commerce and entrepreneurship. <http://tinyurl.com/jelmxup>

### **Black youths are not educationally worse off than 20 years ago**

On the 18<sup>th</sup> of April, the Business Day published a piece titled, "Black youth less educated now than 20 years ago." This statement, according to Dr Stephen Taylor, is simply wrong and unsupported by any data set. <http://tinyurl.com/h5wlou2>

### **Let's support, not scare off, new teachers**

There is a disjuncture between the school's expectations and the expectations and needs of the novice teacher. <http://tinyurl.com/hp83oh5>

### **How reading can change your life**

Books reshaped the destiny of James Matthews – poet, political prisoner and, now, doctor. <http://tinyurl.com/zcbfmxl>

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