

MEDIA RELEASE

COVID-19: PSA outraged by actions from FS Education

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is shocked to learn that Motheo District Director, Mr DS Moloi under the Free State Department of Education forced employees to work regardless of non-compliance with the Health and Safety Regulations.

The PSA has been resolute in the stance that no member should report for duty until the Department has complied with safety measures as set out in the COVID-19 Regulations. The PSA is aware that most schools and District Offices in the Free State still lack basic health and safety requirements such as the provision of water and sanitation particularly in schools in QwaQwa and Thaba-Nchu villages.

The Department has never issued a communique elaborating on its action plan to address their state of readiness in the reopening of schools. Therefore, the PSA believes that summoning employees to go back to work is reckless and irresponsible on the part of the District Director.

Mr. Moloi went further to instruct Principals "to be firm" - a statement that is provocative and be construed to mean that principals should force employees to work under regardless of the state of the working.

The PSA calls for the Department to implement circular MG 9 of 2020 in its fullest and members should not return to work until the department has ensured compliance with the COVID-19 Regulations.

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