

MEDIA RELEASE	Crisis at Rosenhof Special School, Free State: PSA demands urgent action
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is alarmed by the Free State Department of Education's continued failure to address long-standing issues at Rosenhof School.

Since 2025, employees have raised critical concerns, including victimisation by the Principal, alleged fraud and corruption, unprofessional conduct, nepotism, and threats against whistleblowers. Despite engagements and written escalation to the Head of Department since January 2026, no meaningful action or response has been received. The situation has now been escalated to the Public Service Commission (PSC), as employees face increasing intimidation, including reported death threats.

The crisis has deepened with the eviction of employees from hostel accommodation, despite their responsibility to provide 24-hour care to vulnerable learners with special needs. These actions compromise employee safety and learner wellbeing.

The PSA is committed to engagement but notes with concern the Department's withdrawal from a scheduled meeting, further undermining trust. The PSA urgently calls for immediate intervention by the Department and the PSC. In addition, decisive action by oversight authorities is required to restore accountability, protect employees, and safeguard learners.

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