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Matric exam paper leaks: PSA disappointed in Department of Basic Education's hasty decision

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The Public Servants Association (PSA), representing thousands of Educators and Administrative Staff in schools across the country, is extremely disappointed that both the Maths Paper 2 and Physical Science Paper 2 were leaked, adding to the pressures on the Class of 2020.

This situation has a severe psychological impact on matriculants who will now have to rewrite these papers. During the COVID-19 pandemic these learners were under immense pressure to prepare for the exams and are now subjected to further pressure, having to re-write the exams under trying circumstances.

It was ascertained that only a few learners accessed the leaked papers but now all matriculants are required to re-write the papers. The PSA is disappointed that the Department of Basic Education has taken a very hasty and far-reaching decision to have the papers rewritten rather than waiting for the report from the Special Investigation Unit to ascertain the full extent of the leaks.

The PSA calls on the Department to implement additional security measures to prevent future leaks of exam papers. It should be the Department's priority to determine how the papers were leaked and which individuals are involved to ensure that the integrity of exams is maintained.

The PSA is also advises the Department to ensure that the investigation report into the matter is be made public.

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