

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA concerned about safety of educators in KwaZulu-Natal schools**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by media reports regarding an armed robbery at Quarry Heights Primary School in Newlands, Durban.

The robbers allegedly robbed the school's staff of money that was collected from learners as school and registration fees. The PSA is increasingly concerned about the safety of staff and learners owing to several criminal incidents across KwaZulu-Natal schools. There have been reports of murders in schools in the past years, but the Department of Education has not introduced security improvements to address these unsafe working conditions. The PSA views the apparent lack of action by the KZN Department of Education to safeguard learners and educators as unacceptable and a violation of the *Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993* as amended.

The PSA calls on the MEC of KZN Education to introduce immediate measures to deal with this problem. The PSA also calls upon all educators and administration staff at schools to contact the PSA Provincial Office in Durban to report any unsafe working conditions for these matters to be exposed and raised with the Department.

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