

MEDIA RELEASE                      PSA calls for KZN Education to repair 81 schools in the province

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disturbed by reports that the KwaZulu-Natal Education MEC, Kwazi Mshengu, has indicated that the Provincial Department of Education, has no budget to fix 81 schools that were damaged during tornadoes, strong winds and flooding that hit the province recently.

Education is not a privilege, but a human right, hence the PSA's view that the Department is in violation of the fundamental rights of our children by refusing to fix these schools owing to a lack of funds. The PSA is calling on the Department, to make an urgent request to the Provincial Treasury to release disaster management funds in order for these schools to be fixed, to allow for teaching and learning to continue in proper structures and not in the temporal park homes as proposed by the Department.

The PSA further calls upon the Department to conduct a proper survey in all the schools in the province to prevent future damage owing to weak structures and roofing in our schools. Educators and staff at the Education Department should be provided with proper venues for them to continue with their operations uninterrupted.

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