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The Public Servants Association (PSA) extends congratulations to the Northern Cape Grade 12 Class of 2025 for emerging as a beacon of progress, achieving an 87.79% pass rate.

This remarkable performance placed the Province in a strong national position and earned it the prestigious title of the "most-improved province" in the country. The 2025 results represent the pinnacle of a steady and inspiring upward trajectory for the Northern Cape. Over the last three academic cycles, it has demonstrated an extraordinary recovery and growth pattern. From a pass rate of 75.8% in 2023, it surged to 82.4% in 2024, before reaching the historic high of 87.79% in 2025. This consistent improvement mirrors the national trend.

The PSA acknowledges the exceptional dedication of learners across all five districts of the Northern Cape. This success is a powerful testament to the resilience of learners and the unwavering support provided by the Union's members, the dedicated public servants in the education sector, and parents who have balanced their professional mandates with the rigorous demands of supporting a matriculant. The PSA recognises that this "most-improved" status is the result of systematic intervention and the hard work of public-sector employees who have remained committed to excellence despite various resource challenges.

The PSA views this record-breaking improvement as a direct extension of its commitment to service excellence. Academic triumph is fundamentally linked to a functional and stable public service. Just as the PSA has successfully equipped its representatives with high-level legal and ethical tools under public laws, these graduates are seen as the next generation of ethical professionals who will drive the socio-economic development of the Northern Cape. The PSA's advocacy for infrastructure safety through occupational health and safety audits and its corporate social investment initiatives in schools have played a vital role in creating the environment necessary for this level of academic achievement.

The PSA remains the most trusted partner for public servants, ensuring that the Northern Cape continues the upward trajectory of integrity and performance. The PSA will champion for a professionalised public service that serves as the foundation for growth, encouraging all matriculants to pursue their future paths with the same discipline displayed during the final examinations.

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