



**MEDIA RELEASE**                      **PSA calls for intervention at Thuto-ke-Maatla Secondary School in North West**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is disheartened by the North-West Department of Education's (NWDoE) lack of intervention regarding the continued impasse between parents and school management of Thuto-ke-Maatla Secondary School in Groot Marico.

Parents allegedly locked the school premises in protest sparked by the School Principal's decision to not allow for learners above the age of 18 to continue their studies at the School. Despite the disruption of academic activities at the School, there has been no visible presence by officials from the NWDoE to assist educators and learners who are impacted by this situation.

The PSA calls for decisive action and intervention by the Provincial Government to restore order at the school. The South African Constitution states that everyone has the right to a basic education, including adult basic education, which the State, through reasonable measures must make progressively available and accessible. These rights place a duty on the State to respect an individual's right to education.

The loss of learning time is impacting negatively on learners' academic progression and the PSA calls on the NWDoE to deal with this matter speedily and decisively.

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