

**MEDIA RELEASE: PSA calls for protection of staff at uMlazi Comprehensive Technical School**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has called upon on the KwaZulu-Natal MEC of Education and the Head of the KZN Department of Education to immediately intervene and investigate an incident of 13 April 2021 where two PSA members were victimised by a parent and prevented to enter the premises of uMlazi Comprehensive Technical School.

The PSA regards this incident as intimidation and victimisation of PSA members who have submitted a grievance and signed a petition containing serious allegations against the School's principal, including maladministration, victimisation of staff, unfair dismissal, irregularities in appointments, corruption, bullying, autocratic leadership and unresolved grievances.

The situation at the School required urgent attention owing to continued victimisation and even assault of staff. Another PSA member was physically attacked by the chairperson of the school governing body and the Department failed to act swiftly in addressing this unacceptable behaviour.

The Department has an obligation to ensure that employees work in a safe and secure environment. These incidents in a short space of time underlines the fact that staff members at uMlazi Comprehensive Technical School are not safe and the PSA calls for additional security measures for staff.

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