

<b>MEDIA RELEASE</b>	PSA calls for urgent attention to occupational health and safety matters at Gauteng Department of Education District Office
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with concern, the state of the Gauteng Department of Education District Office at 20 Goldman Street, Florida, facing severe infrastructural and health challenges that resulted in multiple prohibition notices being issued.

Despite these warnings, the Department continues to compel staff to work under these hazardous conditions. The Office has been reported for a range of issues including poor ventilation, leaking roofs, overcrowded workspaces, and inadequate sanitation facilities. These conditions compromise the health and safety of employees and hinder their ability to perform their duties effectively. Key issues include poor ventilation in the office. A lack of proper airflow results in an unhealthy environment for employees. Persistent leaks have caused damage to office equipment and documents. The workspace is overcrowded, with more employees than the area can safely accommodate. In addition, the ablution facilities are dysfunctional, posing a significant health risk.

The PSA has raised concerns about the Department's disregard for the wellbeing of its employees. Despite the various prohibition notices, no significant action has been taken to rectify these issues. The PSA urges the Gauteng Education MEC and the Head of the Department to prioritise the health and safety of employees by addressing these critical issues without further delay. It is imperative that the Department provides a conducive working environment that supports the well-being and productivity of its employees.

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