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The Public Servants Association of South Africa (PSA) is deeply concerned about recent failures by the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education to allocate budgets and adhere to established norms and standards for school funding.

This disregard for proper budget allocation has resulted in various issues that require urgent intervention. The failure to allocate budget to schools has directly impacted on the quality of the education system in the province. Schools are struggling to provide the necessary resources and facilities for quality education owing to financial constraints. This has created an unequal learning environment, depriving learners of the opportunities they deserve.

The PSA is further alarmed by the continued non-payment of security guards in line with minimum-wage regulations. Security personnel play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and well-being of educators, learners, and support staff. Denying them fair compensation undermines their dedication and compromises security of schools. Ongoing incidents of burglaries by criminals at various schools in the province are deeply concerning. These criminal acts not only disrupt the educational environment but also pose a threat to the safety of learners, educators, and school infrastructure.

Immediate action is required to safeguard school infrastructure. The PSA therefore urges the Provincial Treasury and Office of the Premier to swiftly intervene and allocate the necessary budget to the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education to enable schools to meet their financial commitments and ensure that security personnel receive just compensation. Measures must also be put in place to prevent criminal activities on school premises.

Investing in education is key to the development and progress of society. It is imperative that the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education fulfils its obligations to provide adequate resources, security, and a conducive teaching and learning environment for all educators and learners. Failure to address this critical issue promptly will further exacerbate existing challenges and impact on the future of learners.

The PSA remains committed to working with all stakeholders towards resolving these pressing issues and will continue to advocate for the rights and well-being of public servants, educators, and support staff.

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