

MEDIA RELEASE	PSA concerned about impact of fire at Crocodile Valley Primary School, Mpumalanga
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is extremely concerned about a fire that broke out at Crocodile Valley Primary School in Mayfern Village in Mbombela, in Mpumalanga, on 14 June 2025.

According to the Mpumalanga Department of Education, the fire caused severe damage to the School's infrastructure, affecting three classrooms, the administrative office, and staff ablution facilities. Essential resources, including laptops, printers, official files, and furniture were also destroyed.

The PSA is particularly concerned about the devastating impact of this incident on the teaching and learning environment, as well as the wellbeing of employees who have lost access to critical workspaces and materials. Schools are vital institutions for education and community development, and such events risk further disrupting the academic calendar and the morale of learners and educators.

Whilst the cause of the fire is still unknown, the PSA welcomes the Department of Education's commitment to assess the full extent of the damage through its infrastructure team. The PSA urges the Department to ensure swift restoration efforts to minimise prolonged disruption to education services. The PSA further echoes the call for members of the public to come forward with information that may assist police investigations into the incident. The PSA remains available to support the Union's members affected by this incident and calls for heightened security and contingency planning in all education facilities to prevent similar incidents in future.

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