

MEDIA RELEASE PSA dismayed by death of young learner at Mokutupu Primary School in Limpopo

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is saddened by the death of a seven-year-old learner who was electrocuted at Mokutupu Primary School outside Tzaneen in Limpopo.

The PSA has over the years alerted the Limpopo Department of Education regarding health and safety concerns at schools, including the continued usage of pit latrines that exposed learners to safety risks and also resulted in deaths of learners. For many years, the Department has failed to address these concerns, despite receiving annual budget allocations to improve infrastructure in schools and other departmental buildings.

The PSA urges the MEC to engage the Facilities and Risk Management directorates to address health and safety risks at schools and implement consequence management against officials found to have neglected their duties. Occupational health and safety must be the Department's top priority and must be non-negotiable.

The Union passes sincere condolences to the family of the deceased learner. The PSA will continue to advocate for health and safety across public institutions and will not rest until the Department is fully compliant with occupational health and safety regulations.

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