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Grade 12 Mathematics paper leak: PSA concerned about further leaks and disruptions

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with concern that the Grade 12 paper for Mathematics Paper 2, was leaked in Limpopo and Gauteng, which has a huge bearing on the integrity of the entire examination.

The situation adds further anxiety and stress to learners who had were already under severe stress in the run-up to the final examination owing to COVID-19 disruptions to the school year.

The PSA calls upon the Department of Basic Education to not only ensure a thorough investigation, but to review security measures as the problem of leaking question papers is not new. There is a necessity to critically look at the effectiveness of security measures. Law enforcement agencies should be involved to ensure that those involved are prosecuted.

The PSA is furthermore concerned about the possibility of leaks of other question papers that might not have been reported yet and calls on the Department to ensure that the credibility of the examination is protected. Unfortunately, social media has also made it possible for learners to access leaked question papers even though they did not participate in the leaking. This may, however, result in them being subjected to disciplinary proceedings, their results withheld and affecting their admission to tertiary institutions. The Department must therefore ensure that innocent learners will not be subjected to disruptive interventions whilst they are busy with examinations.

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