



MEDIA RELEASE The PSA outraged by irresponsible actions of Acting Head of Department of Education Mpumalanga Province

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The Public Servants of Association is not only baffled but livid at *Circular 22 of 2020* issued by the Acting Head of Department of Education, Mr. JR Nkosi on the 28 May 2020.

It is clear that the Employer has no regard to the health of its employees by demanding that they return to work today, 29 May 2020.

In previous correspondences issued by the PSA to its members, the PSA has been firm in saying no member should report for duty until such time that the Department complies to the COVID-19 Regulations.

The PSA is aware that most schools and District Offices, around the Province still lack basic needs of living. Water and Sanitation is still is a major challenge for schools in Gert Sibande and Nkangala District.

The Department of Education has never at any given point issued a communique elaborating on its action plan in an effort to address their state of readiness in the reopening of schools, but yet are quick to summon employees back to service.

The mentioned *Circular* is offensive, and it is the view of the PSA that action should be taken against the Department. The Department is vehemently contravening the Regulations that have been set by the Minister of Employment and Labour Mr. Thulas Mxishe.

It is with the above that PSA is still reiterating that no employee should return to work until such time that the Department does a thorough check list that will be distributed to Organised Labour addressing all challenges facing COVID-19 Regulations.

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