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PSA outraged by irresponsible actions of Acting HOD of Education in

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The Public Servants of Association (PSA), is not only baffled but livid at Circular 22/2020 issued by the Acting Head of the Department of Education, in Mpumalanga, Mr. JR Nkosi. It is clear that the employer has no regard for the health of its employees, by demanding that they return to work on 29 May 2020.

In previous correspondence issued by the PSA to its members, the PSA has been firm in saying that no member should report for duty until such time that the department has complied with the COVID-19 Regulations. The PSA is aware that most schools and District Offices, around the province still lack basic needs. Water and Sanitation is also still is a major challenge for schools in Gert Sibande and Nkangala District. The department has never at any given point issued a *communiqué* 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 Lockdown Regulations and the Occupational Health and Safety Act.

It is with the above that the PSA is still reiterating that no employee should return to work, until such time that the department has ensured compliance with the COVID-19 Regulations.

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