

**MEDIA RELEASE**

PSA outraged by killing of three Ntabankulu educators: Calls for strengthening of security at schools

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is outraged and saddened by the recent tragic shooting at Ntabankulu Junior Secondary School in the Eastern Cape, which claimed the lives of three educators and the perpetrator.

This senseless act of violence has left the School community devastated and without educators, severely disrupting the education of learners. The PSA condemns this brutal attack in the strongest terms and extends condolences to the families, colleagues, and learners affected. The PSA stresses that safety in schools is paramount and calls for urgent measures to protect educators and learners from such acts of violence.

In addition to strengthening school security, the PSA urges the Eastern Cape Department of Education to act swiftly in filling the vacancies left by the deceased educators to ensure learners are not further disadvantaged. Counselling and psychosocial support should be provided to the Ntabankulu community, educators, and learners who witnessed this horrific act to help them process the trauma.

The PSA reiterates the Union's commitment to advocating for the rights, safety, and dignity of public servants, especially those in education. Schools must remain sanctuaries of learning, not places of fear.

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