

MEDIA RELEASE PSA pleased with KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education's initiative to

eradicate ghost employees

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is pleased to note that the KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education is embarking on a rigorous exercise of verifying employees with a view to exposing and eradicating ghost employees who draw full salaries despite no longer being employed by the Department.

Ghost employees include educators who have resigned, been dismissed or passed on but nevertheless remain on the Department's payroll and continue to receive monthly salaries. The PSA regards this is an important initiative towards establishing a legitimate payroll system and eradicating irregular and fruitless expenditure. This will result in the release of more funds to fill critical vacancies and alleviate staff shortages. The initiative is also critical for a Department that is severely cash strapped and was forced to review and reprioritise expenditure to manage the limited budget it was allocated.

This initiative will also obviate any pension and incentive payments being made to any fraudulent ghost workers.

The PSA encourages the Union's members to fully cooperate with the Department and to ensure the success of the initiative as it will benefit all public servants in the long term.

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