

MEDIA RELEASE PSA slams allegations of inappropriate behaviour against learners in Soshanguve, Pretoria

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) has noted with grave concern developments at TSS Secondary School in Soshanguve in Gauteng, where learners recently took to the streets, raising allegations of sexual misconduct involving a male teacher and a bus driver.

The allegations include claims that a male teacher impregnated a Grade-9 learner and that a school-bus driver is allegedly involved in an inappropriate relationship with a Grade-10 learner. The PSA condemns such behaviour in the strongest possible terms. Any Educator, official, or staff member found engaging in sexual relationships with learners is violating the *Employment of Educators Act 76 of 1998* and the SACE Code of Professional Ethics and is committing a criminal offence in terms of the *Children's Act 38 of 2005*.

The PSA calls on the Gauteng Department of Education and relevant law enforcement agencies to urgently investigate these allegations and ensure that affected learners receive psychosocial support and protection. Decisive action should be taken against perpetrators who are found guilty, including dismissal, deregistration, and criminal prosecution.

The PSA commends the dedication and professionalism that Educators are displaying daily. The PSA will, however, not allow learners to be subjected to abuse and exploitation. Schools must remain safe spaces for teaching and learning. Those who betray this trust must face the full might of the law.

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