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FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTHERN CAPE

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Update: COVID-19 Northern Cape

Progress report occupational health and COVID-19 safety committee meeting held on 20 May 2020.

Northern Cape Department of Education (NCDOE)

The department presented a progress report from our last meeting that was held on 13 May 2020. The Chairperson made a plea to all present at the meeting that the committee must operate as a unit.

Allocations to schools/Section 21 schools:

The meeting dealt with concerns regarding non-payment of NSNP funds to Section 21 schools. The department indicated that it was all due to disruptions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. Plans were in place to effect such payment 31 March 2020.

Airconditioning: Needs to be serviced to clear filters to avoid spreading of any viruses.

Cleaning of Peme Offices:

The employer indicated that only 6 offices were not cleaned owing to the non-availability of keys. Psychosocial: Psychologists/Social Workers to be used for learners and educators and should not be placed in offices, but rather be deployed to schools, especially within the first 2 weeks of re-opening.

Appointment of cleaners/screeners in schools:

The employer indicated that 542 out of the total 636 and 1478 screeners out of a target of 1976 have been recruited. Labour insisted that the recruited persons be appointed with immediate effect, especially for offices where employees have started working. The employer indicated that the process will be expedited in terms of appointments.

Disinfecting of Institutions

The employer indicated that 438 schools and 18 offices throughout the province were disinfected. About 117 schools were still to be disinfected.

Procurement and delivery of Hygiene packs and PPE's

The meeting indicated that procurement had been done, but very few of some of the items have been received. It was agreed that a new circular announcing a date to resume work will be issued as it was clear that the Northern Cape, was not yet ready to re-open and that the date of 25 May 2020, will not be appropriate for educators and other staff members to report for duty.

All members who have been recalled to resume work under level-4 of the lockdown are requested to contact the PSA's Russle @ 082 883 7563, Eugene @076 289 2849 and Neo @ 082 8808982, where the employer did not supply PPE.

GENERAL MANAGER