

MEDIA RELEASE	Crisis at Ligugu Secondary School as Mpumalanga Department of Education fails to address safety and infrastructure
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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is worried about the Mpumalanga Department of Education for neglecting urgent infrastructure and safety concerns at Ligugu Secondary School in Dundonald, in the Gert Sibande Municipality where teaching has been suspended owing to the dire conditions of the school.

Built in 1980, the School has deteriorated significantly. The lack of fencing has left the School vulnerable to repeated burglaries, the latest occurring on 9 March 2025 when computers were stolen. Learners and educators face daily security risks, with young girls particularly vulnerable to attacks. Despite repeated pleas from parents for a new school, the Department has failed to act. Frustration is mounting, and peaceful protests may escalate if urgent action is not taken.

The PSA demands immediate interventions, including enhanced security measures, with the School being fenced, and security personnel deployed. Infrastructure repairs or reconstruction is required, with the Department committing to restoring safe and conducive teaching and learning conditions.

Education is a fundamental right, and government has a duty to provide a secure and supportive learning environment. The PSA urges the Department to engage with affected parents and present a clear plan to resolve this crisis. Failure to act will leave the PSA with no choice but to escalate the matter through legal and advocacy channels.

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