



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA calls on Limpopo Education MEC to investigate recruitment processes in province**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is concerned about increasing complaints regarding recruitment processes by the Limpopo Department of Education.

The PSA previously cautioned the Head of the Department, calling her to intervene before a culture of favouritism, abuse of power and nepotism becomes the order of the day in the Department. The PSA's plea was sent back to the Department's Districts and Circuits Offices, which have already allegedly failed to comply with recruitment processes, to resolve the matter. This makes them both player and referee in the matter and leaving several concerns unresolved.

It is thus not surprising that a new allegation of nepotism has emerged around the principal of a primary school in Burgersfort. The principal is alleged to have employed his wife, two daughters, and son-in-law as teachers at the school where he is working. Such alleged abuse of power, favouritism and nepotism rob the province of the services of qualified, competent, and committed persons as incompetent persons are appointed and promoted without merit.

During the inauguration of school governing bodies in Limpopo, the PSA highlighted the plight of qualified individuals not receiving opportunities owing to these practises. The PSA called on the Education MEC to address issues of non-compliance with recruitment policies and practises, in compliance with Section 23 of the Constitution.

The PSA again urges the Education MEC to uproot the perceived culture of nepotism in the Department to ensure that qualified persons are appointed to ensure quality education and to expose those who abuse their powers to face the law of the country.

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