



MEDIA RELEASE **PSA concerned about non-placement of learners in Western Cape schools**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is appalled by the large number of learners in the Western Cape who have still not been placed at schools, since the reopening of schools in the province on 19 January 2022.

According to reports received by the PSA, all schools reopened, despite several challenges including some learners who could not return to school owing to observing COVID-19 regulations related to social distancing.

The Western Cape Education Department (WCED) reported that it has made great progress with the placing of learners who applied for the 2022-school year in 2021. Despite over 32 000 late applications being received, the latest figures indicate that 442 Grade 1 and 2 419 Grade 8 learners must still be placed. The WCED intends to finalise these outstanding cases by the end of January 2022.

The PSA, however, has serious concerns regarding the delayed-placement of these learners and urges the WCED to complete these placements without delay to ensure that these learners receive optimal education and that the staff employment is secured within the ambit of their employment contracts.

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