

MEDIA RELEASE **PSA condemns shooting of educator at Phikiswayo Primary School in Ntuzuma, KwaZulu-Natal**

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is deeply disturbed by escalating levels of crime that continue to plague the Province, severely impacting public servants and communities.

In a recent tragic event on 29 July 2024 a female educator was fatally shot at Phikiswayo Primary School in Ntuzuma. This horrific incident underscores the urgent need for decisive action to safeguard educators, support staff, and learners at schools. Learners are being subjected to lifelong trauma owing to such incidents. The PSA urges the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education to take immediate and robust measures to enhance safety and security at schools.

The PSA further appeals to the Premier of KwaZulu-Natal and the SA Police Service Provincial Commissioner to address crimes that have claimed the lives of numerous workers whilst on duty. The lack of significant and effective measures by relevant departments and communities is a glaring matter that demands immediate attention. Several public servants in KwaZulu-Natal have been killed in the line of duty, highlighting the pressing need for a comprehensive and strategic response to this crisis. The PSA demands that stringent and effective interventions be implemented without delay.

The PSA expresses sincere condolences to employees, learners, and the family affected by this tragic loss at Phikiswayo Primary School. The PSA stands in solidarity with those impacted and reiterates the Union's commitment to advocating for a safe and secure work environment for all workers and citizens in KwaZulu-Natal.

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