



MEDIA RELEASE: PSA shocked by murder of Phomolong Secondary School's Deputy Principal

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The Public Servants Association (PSA) is shocked by the recent brutal and senseless murder of a Deputy Principal at Phomolong Secondary School in Tembisa, Gauteng.

The PSA is extremely concerned about the high level of violence at schools, including the recent fatal shooting. During 2021, numerous incidents depicted violence against learners and educators. The PSA therefore urges the MEC of the Gauteng Department of Education (GDE), Phanyaza Lesufi, to tighten security at provincial schools as this tragic case is not the first incident of this nature.

The safety of both educators and learners remains a source of great concern as they are confronted by an increasingly unsafe schooling environment. The PSA will continue the Union's national interventions at schools in collaboration with the SA Police Service to raise awareness about a safe schooling environment.

The steps taken by the MEC of the GDE in investigating the matter and ensuring that the persons behind these gruesome murders are brought to book are welcomed and investigations should be prioritised. In addition, the Premier and MEC must act proactively and implement safety measures to ensure that all schools are safe as learners and educators should never fear for their lives whilst attending school.

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