

## Update: Non-compliance with COVID-19 regulations at Potgietersrus Primary School

The PSA has the responsibility to ensure that employers comply with *Section 8* of the *OHS Act* to provide a workplace that is safe and without risk to employees. It must be noted that the *OHS Act* extends to non-employees as long as they are either at the workplace or can be affected by the activities of the worker. The much anticipated third wave calls upon vigilant observation of COVID-19 protocols hence the PSA cannot standby and watch where the lives of employees and learners are in danger.

The PSA was alerted of failure to provide PPE at Potgietersrus Primary School which has more than 900 learners. Apparently the procurement of PPE, including soap for washing hands, sanitizers, and scanners for compliance with the Department Standard Operating Procedure and *Disaster Management Act*, was blocked by the School Governing Body Chairperson due to the politics between the SGB and the Principal. It is sad that the safety of learners is compromised in this battle between the SGB and the Principal.

The PSA immediately escalated the matter to the Head of the Department to ensure that it receives prompt attention. The PSA is awaiting a response from the Office of the HOD.

Those who want to join the PSA and members with challenges may contact the following persons: ELRC Provincial Secretary: Matlala on 060 530 7869 / [bophelobjannete@gmail.com](mailto:bophelobjannete@gmail.com) and/or his Deputy Secretary: Ditsele at 083 698 8758 / [ditselemating@gmail.com](mailto:ditselemating@gmail.com). Alternatively, members can contact the PSA's Organising/Marketing Officers: Paulina Moloto on 082 880 8957 / [Paulina.moloto@psa.co.za](mailto:Paulina.moloto@psa.co.za) and Lawrence Muvhango on 082 880 8995 / [lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za](mailto:lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za) or call the PSA Office on 015 295 0500.

Members will be updated on developments.

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