

FOR PSA MEMBERS: LIMPOPO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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Allegation of mismanagement and abuse of power: Jinnah Park Primary School

The above allegations are as a result of the Deputy Principal who is allegedly being isolated and not included in the Senior Management Team (SMT) of the School. In the absence of the Principal, a junior educator is put to act as a Principal even though the Deputy Principal will be at school. It must be noted that policy dictates that the most senior person must act in the absence of the Principal. It is alleged that owing to existing vacancies at the School, the situation was used to advance personal and hidden agendas where some favoured individuals were coopted to the SMT without the engagement of the Deputy Principal. The ill treatment, isolation and disrespect of the Deputy Principal defy logic as the authority and powers of the position are well documented.

Further, it is alleged that there are tender irregularities regarding the awarding of contract for a surveillance camera system and electrical repair in Grade R classes, which did not comply with *Public Finance Management Act* and its regulations. It is also alleged that the service provider was paid for cleaning of the school yard despite the work remaining incomplete while there are missing assets that were not reported to the SAPS, or legally disposed. Such assets include an overhead projector, printer, mini sound system, and couches.

The PSA is concerned about the seriousness of the allegations and has addressed a letter to the Circuit Manager to request an investigation into these allegations in pursuit of proper governance and accountability.

Employees who want to join the PSA or have work-related challenges can contact the Provincial Secretary: Cde Matlala at bophelobyannete@gmail.com or Organising/Marketing Officers at Paulina.moloto@psa.co.za and Lawrence.muvhango@psa.co.za. Alternatively, call the PSA Office on 015 295 0500. Members will be updated.

GENERAL MANAGER