

FOR PSA MEMBERS: NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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## Power outages and water shortage for markers at Bethel High School: North West Department of Education

Power outages, water shortages, and non-flushing toilets were amongst challenges reported by some 450 educators placed at Bethel High School for marking papers near Coligny in North West. There were also problems with social distancing to observe COVID-19 protocols.

The PSA took these unbearable conditions up with the spokesperson of the North West Department of Education, Mr Elias Malindi, and immediate initiatives were taken by the Department to remedy the situation. Mr Malindi said on Wednesday that they found that there was a blocked borehole and a plumber could do repairs and water has been restored. He further indicated that bulbs were replaced in rooms and classes and are now fully functional. Extra classes were made available for markers to create space and observe COVID-19 protocols and regulations. The Department also made provision for screeners and sanitisers at the School. According to the Department, all reported problems have been effectively addressed to the satisfaction of educators.

The PSA urges members to continue reporting any non-compliance to the PSA Provincial ELRC Chairperson, Japhta Moate, at [moatejd@gmail.com](mailto:moatejd@gmail.com) / 071 331 8662 or PSA Labour Relations Officer, Abram Moribe, at [abram.moribe@psa.co.za](mailto:abram.moribe@psa.co.za) / 082 907 9002.

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