

FOR PSA MEMBERS: **MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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Unprotected industrial action: Ikhamanga Building 5 - Mpumalanga

The PSA has been made aware of an unprotected industrial action by another union, which started on or around 30 October 2024. The PSA's Departmental Branch complained about being harassed and intimidated by this union and further reported littering and what could be considered as malicious damage to the property and assets of the Department. The cause of the ongoing illegal action is unknown, The PSA has demonstrated peace and has written to the Head of the Department, assuring that PSA members are in no circumstances involved in the acts. PSA members have been reporting for duty and making supervisors aware of their dedication to providing service.

The PSA has learned that the Department has applied for an urgent interdict at the Mbombela High Court wherein the said union has been served. The interdict has several orders, including that the said union is restricted from unlawfully interfering with or obstructing the normal operations of the Department. The order has also prohibited certain members of the said union from damaging any property of the Department and they must refrain from any intimidation and harassment towards other officials on the premises of the employer. The PSA commends this swift action by the Department to ensure the safety of employees. The PSA advises members to remain calm and continue with their contractual obligations and to report any form of threats or intimidation to the PSA Departmental Chairperson, Mr Benedict Mdluli, and the PSA Provincial Office.

Any employee interested in joining the PSA is requested to contact the following PSA employees for assistance: Sylvia.Watkins@psa.co.za / 082 880 8941, Thandiwe.Mziyako@psa.co.za / 060 962 8512 or the PSA Provincial Office on (013) 741 7500.

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