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NATU TO HOLD PRINCIPALS' SEMINAR

The National Teachers' Union (NATU) will convene a seminar for school principals on 10 & 11 October 2024 to engage on critical issues that confront the education sector including resource allocation, school safety and e-Education.

The seminar will take place at Imbizo Conference Centre, Empangeni under the theme '**Enhancing Quality Education through Strategic Resourcing that Prioritises Adequate Staffing, School Safety and Effective School Management**'. The seminar will be attended by more than 1200 school principals from all nine (9) provinces of the Republic of South Africa. This convention aims to provide school principals with exceptional opportunity to engage in insightful discussions, share knowledge and experiences, and foster meaningful connections and develop clear and actionable proposals.

In summary, the seminar's intent is to engage on the following issues;

- Addressing the current unfavourable learner-teacher ratios by, inter alia, putting pressure of the employer to employ more teachers so as to conform to the agreed Post Provisioning Norms (PPN).
- Working to improve the unique baseline conditions of both employment and service of Grade R teachers who currently face many injustices and other employment challenges.
- Working to normalise the funding framework of Grade R learners across all the PEDs.
- Fighting against the exclusion of undocumented learners from the funding models of some PEDs – considering that most undocumented learners are, in fact, South African citizens.
- Working to improve school infrastructure – such as adequate chairs and desks, classroom and laboratory spaces, libraries, learning and teaching support materials (LTSM) and other resources, ablution facilities, sanitary towel support, and many other conditions which currently limit teaching and learning.
- Finding solutions to the perennial challenge of safety and security in schools.
- Working to curb corrupt practices with respect to filling of promotional posts.
- Addressing the unjustified reduction of promotional posts/opportunities due to the so-called 'austerity measures.'

The Central Executive Board (CEB) is pleased to announce that the Minister of Basic Education, Ms. Siviwe Gwarube (MP) will attend the seminar and address principals on her plans to mitigate the impact of budget cuts in the education sector, violence in schools and feeding scheme.

Members of the Media are welcome to attend the open session of the seminar on the 10th of October 2024. For RSVP, contact Ms. Nompilo Mpungose on 066 556 1977 or e-mail nompilo@natu.org.za.