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RE-OPENING OF SCHOOLS

SUBMISSION OF DG TO PORTFOLIO COMMITTEE

UNNECESSARY CONFUSION CAUSED

The SAOU noted the submission of the DG of the DBE to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee for Basic Education at 10:00 on National TV on Wednesday 29 April 2020. In short, unnecessary confusion was caused!

The submission to the Portfolio Committee was exactly the same as part of a wider submission made to the SAOU and other unions on Sunday 26 April 2020. Substantial responses and recommendations in regard to the readiness of schools to re-open were made. There was an undertaking by the Minister and the DBE to consider it, and where necessary, to amend their planning. None of the undertakings were communicated or reflected in the submission to the portfolio committee.

The further problem is also that the DG did not provide full information in regard to the ability of provinces to provide the required sanitation packages, electronic temperature scanners and masks prior to 4 May 2020. Emanating from enquiries of the SAOU with the various provincial departments, it is clear that no department has received the equipment and masks.

The earliest date on which such equipment and masks were ordered from international suppliers, was 20 April 2020. There is thus no possibility that such equipment will be available on 4 May 2020 to enable educators and learners to attend schools in terms of the prescriptions of the Department of Health. In short, the Minister admitted during the discussions that no department is ready.

The SAOU stands by its media statement of 28 April 2020, i.e. that the re-opening of schools in the absence of sanitation packages, mask, electronic temperature scanners and personal protection information, will be irresponsible and unacceptable.

HEROPENING VAN SKOLE

VOORLEGGING VAN DG AAN PORTEFEULJEKOMITEE

ONNODIGE VERWARRING IS VEROORSAAK

Die SAOU het kennis geneem van die DG van die DBO se aanbieding op Woensdag, 29 April 2020 aan die Parlementêre Portefeuiljekomitee vir Basiese Onderwys om 10:00 op nasionale TV. In kort, onnodige verwarring is hierdeur veroorsaak.

Die voorlegging aan die Portefeuiljekomitee was 'n gedeelte van 'n breër aanbieding en presies dieselfde as wat aan die SAOU en ander vakbondie op Sondag 26 April 2020, gemaak is. Wesenlike voorstelle was gemaak en die onderneming was dat dit oorweeg sal word, en waar nodig dat beplanning aangepas sal word.

Die probleem is, dat die DG ook nie volledige inligting betreffende die stand van provinsies om voor of op 4 Mei 2020 die saniteringspakkette, elektroniese temperatuurskandeerders en maskers aan skole te voorsien, verskaf het nie. Na aanleiding van navrae van die SAOU by die onderskeie provinsiale departemente van onderwys is dit duidelik dat geen provinsiale departement nog die toerusting en maskers ontvang het nie. Hulle is dus nie gereed om die skole vir leerders te heropen nie.

Die vroegste datum van die bestelling van sodanige toerusting en maskers het eers op die 20 April 2020 vanaf internasionale leveransiers plaasgevind en sal nie betyds vir 4 Mei 2020 wees nie. Daar is dus geen wyse waarop die departemente vir opvoeders en leerders, ingevolge die voorskrifte van die Departement van Gesondheid, by skole kan toelaat nie. In kort, die Minister het tydens die SAOU se gesprekvoering met haar die erkenning gemaak dat geen departement gereed is nie.

Die SAOU staan by die mediaverklaring van 28 April 2020, dat die heropening van skole in die afwesigheid van sanitasiepakkette, elektroniese temperatuurskandeerders en persoonlike beskermingstoerusting, uiters onverantwoordelik is en nie aanvaar sal word nie.

The SAOU is fully aware of the uncertainty and confusion among SAOU members in regard to the re-opening of schools. As was previously communicated, the Minister of Basic Education will hold a media conference on Thursday 30 April 2020 during which the readiness and the ability of the departments and schools to receive educators and learners will be communicated. During this occasion more information will also be made available in regard to the correct dates for the re-opening of schools.

The SAOU implores members to be patient in spite of the confusion that was caused and to await the media conference. As soon as the information is disclosed, it will be communicated to members immediately.

Die SAOU is terdeë daarvan bewus dat daar tans groot verwarring en onsekerheid onder SAOU-lede jeens die heropening van skole heers. Soos reeds gekommunikeer, sal die Minister van Basiese Onderwys 'n mediakonferensie toespreek op Donderdag 30 April 2020 waartydens die stand van gereedheid en die vermoë van departemente om opvoeders en leerders te kan ontvang, bekend gemaak sal word. Tydens dié geleentheid sal daar ook meerdere inligting insake die werklike datums van die heropening van skole vir personeel en leerders gekommunikeer word.

Die beroep van die SAOU is om ten spyte van die onsekerheid wat nou geskep is, dat lede geduldig moet wag tot na afloop van gemelde mediakonferensie. Die SAOU sal, sodra die inligting bekend is, dit onverwyld aan lede kommunikeer.

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RSG: PRAAT SAAM

Die SAOU neem deel aan 'n besprekingsprogram op 30 April 2020 op RSG om 08:00 waartydens die heopening van skole en verwante sake bespreek sal word.

Skakel gerus in!

