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Dear Ms Matebe

UNAVAILABILITY OF ENGLISH MEDIUM SCHOOLS IN SPRINGBOK, NORTHERN CAPE PROVINCE

Your e-mails to Mr Brown refer.

As your e-mails dealt with matters that fall within the competence of provincial authorities, the Department had to consult with the Northern Cape Education Department (NCDoe) regarding your concerns.

The NCDoe acknowledged that a survey regarding possible introduction of English medium classes in identified schools in Namaqua District was conducted last year. The report shows that it was not feasible for the NCDoe to introduce these classes instantly because of the limited number of learners notwithstanding that the classrooms to accommodate qualifying learners were available.

The NCDoe indicated that the introduction of English medium classes will be considered in qualifying schools as soon as the required number of learners permits.

The NCDoE also acknowledged that they were aware of your request for English version textbooks. They advised that the procurement process of the requested textbooks was in progress and that you will be contacted as soon as the textbooks are available.

Yours sincerely



MRS S GEYER
DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL: DELIVERY AND SUPPORT
DATE: 03 JULY 2020

NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO

From: Brenda Matebe <matebebn@gmail.com>
Sent: 04 August 2020 01:03 PM
To: NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO
Subject: Fwd: Emailing: Unavailability of English Medium Schools in Springbok Northern Cape Province
Attachments: Unavailability of English Medium Schools in Springbok Northern Cape Province.pdf

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From: "Msimanga, Neliswa" <Msimanga.N@dbe.gov.za>
Date: 04 Jul 2020 17:50
Subject: Emailing: Unavailability of English Medium Schools in Springbok Northern Cape Province
To: "matebebn@gmail.com" <matebebn@gmail.com>
Cc: "Mlambo, Sihle" <Mlambo.S@dbe.gov.za>, "Gcabashe, Nomcebo" <Gcabashe.N@dbe.gov.za>

Dear Ms Matebe

The Chief Director for Provincial Monitoring, Mr S Mlambo, has requested me to refer the attached letter for your attention.

Kind regards

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From: Brenda Matebe <matebebn@gmail.com>
Sent: 04 August 2020 01:05 PM
To: NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO
Subject: Fwd: RE: COMPLAINT: AFRIKAANS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SPRINGBOK AREA:

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From: "Brenda Matebe" <matebebn@gmail.com>
Date: 13 Mar 2020 17:36
Subject: RE: COMPLAINT: AFRIKAANS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SPRINGBOK AREA:
To: "Llewellyn Brown" <lbrown@parliament.gov.za>
Cc:

Good morning Mr Brown

I would like to follow-up on the matter the school and the information regarding picketing for this movement in front of Parliament.

Regards
Brenda Matebe
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On 04 Mar 2020 10:08, "Llewellyn Brown" <lbrown@parliament.gov.za> wrote:

Morning Ms Matebe

I acknowledge receipt of your email. Once again, I have forwarded to the relevant officials in DBE and to the Chairperson for further directive.

Kind Regards

Llewellyn A Brown

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From: Brenda Matebe [mailto:matebebn@gmail.com]

Sent: **Wednesday, 04 March 2020 09:57**

To: Llewellyn Brown <lbrown@parliament.gov.za>

Subject: RE: COMPLAINT: AFRIKAANS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SPRINGBOK AREA: REQUEST FOR ENGLISH TEXT BOOKS

Good morning Mr Brown

I would like to request for English text books because our Province is not willing to give our struggling and frustrated children these text books. They are treating us like fools. The district is sending us to school and the school is sending us back to them. They think that we are crazy.

My daughter who is 12 years old didn't want to go back to school last week. She failed again 2 tests and she was the laughing stock of the whole class. My child will be a drop out soon. Maybe that is what is good for a black child because all the offices I contacted to date doesn't care and bother themselves to change the Afrikaans education system. I thought the Portfolio Committee of Basic Education will see that change is overdue but I was very wrong again. I will not stop you are making me stronger.

My daughter Yolanda wrote a Mathematics test and passed with 75%, doesn't that show you that if she could be taught in English she could obtain 100%. Now you let our black children feel very stupid, bad and ugly. Is it because the word black refers to dark, ugly, bad and horrible. White refers to pure, good, clean

and better. Education was not supposed to know colour and separate our black children to make them under dogs. Our black children deserve better and I will fight for that.

I would like to picket in front of Parliament and I am asking where to send my notice.

Regards

Brenda Matebe

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On 16 Jan 2020 06:56, "Llewellyn Brown" <lbrown@parliament.gov.za> wrote:

Ms Matebe

Your emailed correspondence is received and noted with thanks. I have copied the Chairperson of the Portfolio Committee on Basic Education, Hon B P Mbingo-Gigaba as well as the Liaison Officer in the Office of the Director-General for consideration and possible directive.

Kind Regards

Llewellyn A Brown
Committee Secretary: PC on Basic Education



From: NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO [mailto:MatebeBrenda@saps.gov.za]
Sent: Wednesday, 15 January 2020 17:43
To: Llewellyn Brown <lbrown@parliament.gov.za>
Cc: jmathakgane@ncpe.gov.za; matebebn@gmail.com; AzwihangwisiS@sassa.gov.za
Subject: COMPLAINT: AFRIKAANS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SPRINGBOK AREA

James P.A.
Good day Mr Brown

I am Brenda Matebe from Springbok region, I am a single working parent who is struggling to get English education for my children in this region. I have been struggling since 2016, I started by asking for financial assistance from different organisations because my children had to attend a private school since all 77 public school are still Afrikaans medium. My children attended the private school for 2 years until I could not afford a loaf of bread. The school was the only English medium school, I did not have a choice but to enrol them there. After that since I could not afford anything I asked for my family to look after my children and at the same time learn Afrikaans.

I then approached the current District Manager PTA Cloete about the absence of English medium schools or classes, the request was that the department should find a way to accommodate our black children in English because most children do not know the language. At first he seemed concerned and eager to change the Afrikaans education system after a few months I could notice that I was irritating him. I discovered that many black parents had the same problem, we got together and met with the members of the department in February 2019. The department did not care about the racist complaints and the treatment we as black parents got from Springbok Primary School. On the Mandela day 2019 we as the committee of the English medium school met with members of the

MEC of Education including the HOD, we were promised English classes that was going to start in January 2020. We registered our children but we never got any response from the department. Most black children are attending the private school even though it is not affordable.

During the registration process we got challenges which were communicated to the local department and the office of the MEC, proof is attached no response was received. We escalated the matter to the Premiers office as attached until today no one has bothered to reply. We got the report from the department that is attached on the 24th of December 2019 that was a negative response because we did not expect the department would lie to us and the whole South Africa. MEC Jack announced on TV that we will get the English classes in January 2020 which is not the case now. We also had a racial problem when enquiring about registration, black parents would not get a response at all and coloured parents would get a response. That is why we know for a fact that the department received 135 applications and other parents applied later. The report is a complete lie please see attachments.

We enrolled our children but today we have children that do not belong to any school at the moment, the local department is turning the parents away to the school that is rejecting the children. They do not care about the education of these minor children that applied for the English classes. Other children had to leave the province again to get English education, this Afrikaans education system destroys families and separate minor children from their parents. I was separated from my minor children for 8 months, the separation only created more harm than good.

As the leader of this movement I cannot sit back and let a black child suffer any longer. As the leader of this movement I will do whatever I can until the day I take my last breath on this earth for our black children that have been denied good quality education for more than 25 years in this region. A black child wants to be free because they have been oppressed and depressed for more than 25 years. Where is democracy for our black children? Why are white and coloured children more important than our black children? Good quality education doesn't know colour, good quality education set children of any race free and it is every single child's right to get quality education in a language that they understand. Why is this region different from South Africa?

I will be the voice of these voiceless children. I will never be ashamed to stand up for minor children who doesn't know how to defend themselves. I will become stronger each time I hear the word NO and I will keep knocking on doors that are always closed even though I know for a fact that for ordinary citizens like me the door will always remain locked. I believe that when you educate a child you educate the future stronger Managers of this country.

Lastly I would like to ask these questions. When these children are taught in a language that they do not understand, do you want them not to achieve 8 distinctions for matric? Do you want them to leave school before the age of 15? Do you want them to add to the number of unemployed youth that is not educated? Do you really want our black children to be nothing and become criminals ?

Regards

Brenda Matebe

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