

NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO

From: NC:Springbok:Explosives:Matebe BN - WO
Sent: 15 January 2020 05:42 PM
To: 'lbrown@parliament.gov.za'
Cc: pmathakgane@ncpg.gov.za; matebebn@gmail.com; Azwihangwisis@sassa.gov.za
Subject: COMPLAINT: AFRIKAANS EDUCATION SYSTEM IN SPRINGBOK AREA
Attachments: 11119.pdf; 11103.pdf; Signed NAMAKWA DISTRICT ENGLISH MEDIUM CLASSES.PDF

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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 thou 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

0784830665

Springbok Explosives - Matebe

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 06 November 2019 01:26 PM
To: ptacloete@ncdoe.school.za
Cc: wilsonliezi271@gmail.com; 'Azwihangwisi@sassa.gov.za' (Azwihangwisi@sassa.gov.za)
Subject: REQUEST FOR PARENTS MEETING

Good day Mr Cloete

I trust that you are well.

I would like to request a meeting with you regarding the registration for English school next year. The parents will send a delegation of 3 parents that can meet with you, if possible a date for next week.

I hope that you will consider my request.

Regards
Brenda Matebe
0784830665

Springbok Explosives - Matebe

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 07 November 2019 09:17 AM
To: pmathakgane@ncpg.gov.za
Cc: 'Azwihangwis@sass.gov.za' (Azwihangwis@sass.gov.za)
Subject: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good Mam

I would like to follow-up on my request to speak to the Premier. I still did not get any response from any of the relevant offices including your office. I would also like to request an acknowledgement on my emails.

Regards
Brenda Matebe

-----Original Message-----
From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 28 October 2019 10:48 AM
To: pmathakgane@ncpg.gov.za
Cc: 'Azwihangwis@sass.gov.za' (Azwihangwis@sass.gov.za)
Subject: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good day Mam

I would like to follow-up on my request below. I still did not get any response from your office.

Regards

Matebe B.N

-----Original Message-----
From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe

Sent: 25 October 2019 11:53 AM
To: 'Pmathakgane@ncpg.gov.za'
Cc: matebebn@gmail.com; 'Azwhangwis@sass.gov.za' (Azwhangwis@sass.gov.za)
Subject: RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good day Mam

I did not get any reply from your office regarding the emails below. I would like to follow-up on all matters including the appointment I requested to speak to the Premier. I would like to find out if the Premier will speak to me and other parents, I have to give feedback to the parents this coming Sunday.

The parents feel that we are not heard again, all we need is a response so that we plan for our children next year. My children have been abused by all the relevant offices including the Premiers offices. Why are you refusing to help my black children to get English text books which you have in your stores and schools.

You will get a reaction from us if we do not get any response, we will also assume that the Premier does not want to speak to me or other parents and he does not care about our BLACK CHILDREN IN NAMAKWALAND.

Regards
Brenda Matebe
0784830665/ 0768623017

-----Original Message-----
From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 07 October 2019 09:19 AM
To: 'PMathakgane'
Subject: RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good day Mam

I did not get response from Dr Moremi. I would like to find out if I will not get help with the English text books and work books. This is the last term my children are suffering I am also very frustrated, the frustration gets worse when I do not get any kind of response from the relevant people that I thought should be helping ordinary people like me and helpless children.

Regards
Brenda Matebe
0784830665/ 0768623017

-----Original Message-----

From: PMathakgane [mailto:PMathakgane@ncpg.gov.za]
Sent: 12 September 2019 11:29 AM
To: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Subject: RE: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good day

Dear Ms Matebe

I hereby acknowledge receipt of your letter. Please note that we will direct your request to the Head of Ministry Dr Moremi.

Regards
Poppy Mathakgane
PA to the Premier

>>> Springbok Explosives - Matebe <MatebeBrenda@saps.gov.za> 2019/09/12 10:53 AM >>>
Good day,

I would like to find out if the below email was received.

Regards
Brenda Matebe
0784830665/0768623017

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 10 September 2019 12:25 PM
To: 'pmathakgane@ncpg.gov.za'
Cc: matebebn@gmail.com
Subject: COMPLAINT REGARDING EDUCATION: SPRINGBOK

Good day Mr Premier

I trust that you are well.

I am Brenda Matebe residing in Nababeep, Springbok. I am a frustrated working single mother of two children aged 8 and 11. Since I relocated to Springbok in 2016 I tried to get financial assistance for my children's education without any success. All 74 public schools are Afrikaans medium our children had to be enrolled at the expensive private school even thou we do not afford it, in our area the private school is the only English medium school. I attached documents that will prove my struggle and

frustration regarding the Afrikaans education system that do not care for a black child. I engaged my local department education regarding the unfair, unequal and racist education system in my area without any success, until I went public with the story.

On the 18th of July we as parents met with the members from MEC Jacks office where we were promised English education in our public schools. We were all very excited and our children were too, we then got challenges regarding the registration for January 2020. I brought the challenges to the attention of the department, they did not respond and escalated it to the MECs office without any kind of response. We as parents are very worried that we might not get the English education for our children because we feel that the department is trying to sabotage this process themselves. Most parents went to ask for the application forms at the department they were informed that they did not have any forms. Some parents went there more than 3 times without being given the forms. These challenges are also attached.

I have been struggling to get English text books for my kids until now I don't get any response from both offices that I contacted. Mr Premier I never got decent education that is why I am trying my best to give my children quality education, I had to look for a job and only now I can try to give myself education. I do not want my children to go through what I went through. I also do not want any other family to go through what we went through. I am fighting for all the children that can benefit from this movement I started, black children must stop suffering. Black children must stop feeling stupid in their classrooms and black children cannot be chased away from school because they do not know Afrikaans, one learner was chased away from school in Port Nolloth in February 2019 Grade 11. The English text books helps a lot I still hope that I will get the text books for my kids I need your intervention Premier.

My children went through a lot and the offices that needs to intervene never do. My children were rejected 3 times by Springbok Primary School verbally and I asked the local department to assist they ignored me. I was called by a member of the local department, investigation my complaints on the 12 July 2019 regarding the rejection of my children. I started to complain in August 2018 about this incident, when we met with the members of the MECs office I complained again. My children were then transferred to the school on 29 July 2019. I believe that if the people that we met with on the 18th July didn't come my children would still be at the old school. I really believed that MEC Jacks personnel were going to bring change in this current education system, my emails are ignored which takes me back to the reality of this area that a black persons voice is not important and it will not be heard.

I will not apologise for being the voice of the voiceless and helpless children. I will fight and fail, I will stand up and try even harder because education does not know colour. Education is powerful and education open doors that can only be opened by that key that I am fighting for today. Our black children deserves good quality education at a price that is affordable. You are my only hope now Mr Premier.

I believe that you will free us all in Namakwaland. We do not have democracy and we do not have freedom in this area. A black child needs peace and education that they understand.

Regards
Brenda Matebe

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Springbok Explosives - Matebe

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 10 September 2019 10:39 AM
To: 'lebogangmoremedi@ncdoe.gov.za'
Cc: 'Azwihangwis5@sassa.gov.za' (Azwihangwis5@sassa.gov.za); geoffreyvm@gmail.com; matebebn@gmail.com
Subject: Enrollment challenges: English Medium schools and English textbooks

Good day Mr Moremedi

I trust that you are well.

I have not received any response to any of my emails. I must bring this matter to your attention too, we have children that are not from our country their parents would like to enrol their children for the English education that we might get but they are afraid that their children will not be treated fairly and they might not even use the same toilets. This is not just for them our black parents are also questioning the same thing, this is why they are not enrolling their children. We have to face the facts racism is very much alive in our area and most parents are very oppressed at their work places. They will not speak out they will continue to be oppressed and abused teaching their children that it is ok to be bullied and treated badly. I tried and tried they do not listen, I tell the relevant people to put the parents at ease but no one is willing to do that and my emailed are ignored each time.

I would like to ask for an update regarding my request for the English text books. My children are suffering, it is not a good feeling when you fail and you know if you were given the correct tools you were going to make it. You have failed my children over and over again.

I don't see change and I don't have hope for a better future for our children especially the black children. Where must I ask for help since I do not get it from your office?

Regards

Brenda Matebe

076 862 3077/0784830665

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 28 August 2019 12:34 PM
To: matebebn@gmail.com
Subject: FW: Enrollment challenges: English Medium schools and English textbooks

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Sent: 28 August 2019 12:33 PM
To: lebogangmoremedi@ncdoe.gov.za
Cc: 'Azwihangwis@sassa.gov.za' (Azwihangwis@sassa.gov.za); geoffreyym@gmail.com; ptacioete@ncdoe.school.za; Liezl L. Roberts (LiezliRoberts@ncdoe.gov.za)
Subject: Enrollment challenges: English Medium schools and English textbooks

Good day Mr Moremedi

I trust that you are well.

I did not get any response from Mr Cloete regarding the emails below. I am still very frustrated about the work and text books issue because now both my children are struggling. The local department does not intent on making a difference in my children's lives. Attached are the emails that serves as proof that I have been struggling to get the English text books for my children. It is not easy as a single parent to live with frustrated children as they get bitter each day only because the Springbok education system failed them over and over again. I gave you proof of the performance of my child and she was a straight A student, in a blink of an eye she went to zero. I live with this child every day and the same thing happened to my son. How long should we carry on living like this? When will the frustration end?

The emails below are clear about our registration challenges there's nothing we can do about it only the department can help us as parents. What I can add is that most of the white parents think that their children will be forced to get the medium of instruction in English, I informed some of them that was not true. Secondly the parents that wants to change to English still thinks that the survey form they got from school, is the application form.

Lastly I would like to plead with you to assist my children with English text books, next week they are starting with exams. I hope that this time my children will be assisted.

Regards

Brenda Matebe

076 862 3017/0764830665

From: Springbok Explosives - Matebe

Sent: 23 August 2019 11:15 AM

To: ptacioete@ncdoe.school.za

Cc: Liezl L. Roberts (LiezliRoberts@ncdoe.gov.za); 'lebogangmoremedi@ncdoe.gov.za'; 'geoffreyym@gmail.com'; 'phaswanaa@webmail.co.za'
Subject: Enrollment challenges: English medium schools and English textbooks

Good morning Mr Cloete

I trust that you are well.

I would like to bring the challenges of registration to you again because I did not get a reply last time.

1. There are schools in the area that did not give out the notices for registration.

2. The application forms are not accessible to all parents.
3. Some parents went to the department and they were informed that the forms are not available at the your office, some went more than 3 times.
4. Most of the parents do not have email addresses and I do not have the resources to distribute the forms and I do not work for the department.
5. PSS did not give the younger children the notices because my son did not get, his doing Grade 2.

I am on the whatsapp group for Grade 6 at PSS white parents are talking about 'the English must not bring politics, disrespect and the quality of the education must not drop' it shows that this transformation was not communicated to the parents and schools properly. Why will our minor black children bring politics to school and lower the quality of the education. Our children are not educators and if that was the case why are they still accommodated at the schools that they are currently attending. I did not want to go to the racial part of this transformation, I will go that direction if I am pushed to it and it will not be good we do not want that.

I am still waiting for the English text books since I was promised that they will be ordered on 23/11/2018. As I have informed you I only received work books for my son the work books were until 2nd term and my daughter is still failing 3 subjects. I attached my daughters last reports it shows how she performed when she did English, 2018 Afrikaans when she had a lot of support from school and home. The current one where she does not have support at home. They will be assessed soon the department still disappoints when it comes to text books.

My children were transferred to PSS and they started 29/07/2019 at the new school. My son who was a top student is now the last student. He had oral that he did but we were not given the full information, he did not complete his school work and I was not informed. The teacher wrote in Afrikaans to me after a long time stating that my son is not doing well. I informed her that she should have notified me immediately and not wait until they will be assessed, I also addressed the language issue when communicating with me. Only yesterday I got clarity with the class teacher, she insisted that my son is not coping at their school because the time was not write to move them. I clarified it to hear that my son is not stressed, emotional or afraid to be at the school he was afraid of her. My children are happy at the school the Grade 6 teachers a wonderful and very helpful. I am mentioning this incident for future reference this is not a complaint, my son will be treated equally and I will never allow my son to be victimised.

I hope that I will finally get the English books to assist both my children.

Regards

Brenda Matebe

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From: Brenda Matebe [mailto:matebebn@gmail.com]
Sent: 23 August 2019 10:19 AM

To: Springbok Explosives - Matebe
Subject: Fwd: Enrollment challenges: English medium schools

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From: **Brenda Matebe** <matebema@gmail.com>
Date: Wed, 7 Aug 2019, 07:58
Subject: Enrollment challenges: English medium schools
To: <placloete@ncdoe.school.za>
Cc: <LiczlRoberts@ncdoe.gov.za>

Good day Mr Cloete

I would like to bring the registration challenges to your attention.

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2. They expected to hear from the department if not so they want to see advertising from the department.
3. The poor parents that wants to register cannot get to the department to collect the application forms.
4. I do not have the resources to inform the whole community about the registration and as I have mentioned above some community members may not believe me.
5. There are parents that are not in Springbok and in other Provinces that would like to apply. the application forms must not be emailed or faxed.

The closing date for registration is next week on the 16th. Due to the challenges mentioned above very few parents will apply.

I hope that our challenges will be considered.

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