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TO : NEWS EDITORS

FROM : THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

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ON RECORD : STANDOFF BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT AND MR DM MTEMBU RESOLVED

The South African Democratic Teacher's Union (SADTU) marched to the Bushbuckridge Regional Office at Hoxani, on the 10th of September 2009 and submitted a demand that the Department remove the Regional Director on or before the 13th of September 2009.

The rationale of the demands was based on the alleged failure to respond to grievances and/or demands submitted to the Department on the 25th of March 2009.

The South African Democratic Teachers Union presented a set of allegation against the regional director.

Taking note of this, the Department decided to temporarily remove Mr. DM Mtembu and appoint a caretaker for the district. Mr DM Mtembu was directed to report at the Head Office while the investigation of allegations levelled against him was conducted.

The Department further recommended for the establishment of a task team to investigate the above allegations. The Task Team met on the 30th of September 2009 with the Regional Management Team of then Bushbuckridge, SADTU and relevant stakeholders for investigation.

The Department confirms that the Investigation Task Team Report exonerated and cleared Mr DM Mtembu of all the allegations.

On the 30th of May 2014, the Department and Mr Mtembu signed a settlement agreement which in the main stated that all legal and administration processes to be set aside in the best interest of enhancing education delivery to the people of Mpumalanga Province.



The Mpumalanga Department of Education appreciates the way in which this agreement was reached and considers the standoff to be amicably resolved.

Mr Mtembu elected to be transferred and/or appointed as the Director: Strategic Planning, Research and Projects Coordination with effect from the 1st of July 2014.

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