



# South African Democratic Teachers' Union (SADTU) KWAZULU NATAL PROVINCE

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## OFFICE OF THE SECRETARIAT

### **TO: ALL EDITORS, ALL MEDIA HOUSES**

All journalists and editors are invited to attend the media press release to conclude the PEC of SADTU KwaZulu Natal. SADTU KWAZULU Natal Provincial Executive Committee is meeting from 21- 23 May 2010. It will be releasing its media statement on the discussions that took place as follows:

**DATE: 23 May 2010 (Sunday)**

**Time: 12h00**

**Venue: SADTU House Boardroom (321 Anton Lembede Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor)**

We will speak around the following issues.

1. THE RELEASE OF THE FORENSIC REPORT BY AUDITORS: The release of the Forensic Investigation by the MEC of Education Hon Senzo Mchunu in our view has taken a long time, we need to know the auditors findings and what they recommend. This will go a long way in ensuring that we get rid of corrupt elements that are milking the department of education and failing to deliver quality service.
2. THE CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS FOR THE YEAR 2010. The negotiations are stalling at the PSCBC. We have made a demand of a wage increase of 12% and the finalization of the implementation of OSD as well as paying of the remainees their recognition of experience monies which has not been finalized. The employer has shown a lack of seriousness as they have put on the table 5.2% as the offer on the table. This shows how unwilling the government is as this is below the inflation which is currently 5.6%.
3. THE CORRUPTION AT ITHALA. The issue of Ithala remains a thorny issue as we are told that there is huge amount of R174 million that was given to Ithala for the building and the renovation of schools that never took place. We want to know what happened to that money.
4. THE LACK OF INFRASTRUCTURE IN SCHOOLS. There are schools which still learn under the trees, especially in the rural areas. There are huge backlogs in the department. The statistics are shocking. There are no libraries, laboratories, ablution services.
5. The lack of teachers and the high vacancy rate: the schools are running with the minimum staff. A number of posts cannot be filled because there are no teachers who are qualified to fill those posts. We produce about 700 teachers a year yet we lose more than 2000 teachers a year.

6. We are also preparing for our national congress to take place in October 2010 in North West.

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