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**TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS**

**FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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The Department of Education refutes the allegations made by the leader of the Democratic Alliance that there are learners who were sent home at Platorand Special School because there is no food. The Department does not understand why the DA would make such unfounded claims before verifying the facts.

The fact is that all learners at Platorand Special School are in class learning. The Department of Education is not violating the learners' Constitutional Right of access to food and education. All learners at Platorand Special School are receiving food and the required care and support.

As things stand, there is no lawsuit launched against the Department as alleged by the DA. The statement is devoid of any facts and is a clear attempt to score political points at the expense of the learners at Platorand Special School.

The Department of Education is calling on the DA to retract its statement and apologize to the learners and their families for the distress it has caused with its wild allegations.

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