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PUBLIC NOTICE

Suspension of Teaching & Learning Due to Student Protest

Waterberg TVET College confirms incidents of protest action by students that escalated into property damage at two of the College's campuses on 07–08 April 2025.

A fire was set to the security guard house at the College's Business Studies Centre on 07 April 2025, followed by another fire incident at the Engineering and Skills Training Centre in the early hours, around 1:30 AM.

These actions seem to stem from growing frustration among students who were initially demanding the standardized allowance amount that was offered the previous year. Subsequently through continuous engagements, students who submitted their lease forms within the NSFAS stipulated timeframes, were paid. The impasse currently stems from those students who are resisting to adhere to the 2025 eligibility criteria. It should be noted that those who failed to submit the required documents, will result in being placed on the travel allowance instead. Refer to the NSFAS Policy 2025.

In response to the situation, **College Management has resolved to:**

- **Suspend all teaching and learning activities with immediate effect, until further notice.**
- **Release all students residing in college residences, with immediate effect, to ensure their safety.**

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- Parents and guardians have **officially been informed** of the situation.

The College remains in ongoing discussion with NSFAS and other relevant authorities to urgently address the funding issues. We recognize the anxiety this has caused and reaffirm our commitment to advocate for students and find a prompt solution.

We appeal to all students to express their concerns through peaceful and constructive engagement. Waterberg TVET College remains committed to maintaining a safe and supportive environment for teaching, learning, and personal growth.

We appeal for calm during this period and encourage our students to continue with their studies independently.

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