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NEHAWU statement on the 2016 matric results

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The National Education Health & Allied Workers Union [NEHAWU] prudently welcomes the 2016 National Senior Certificate results as announced by the Department of Basic Education yesterday.

NEHAWU congratulates the class of 2016, teachers, the Department of Basic Education and families for the improved matric results as achieved. We also congratulate our ally and sister union, the South African Democratic Teachers Unions [SADTU] for the hard work it demonstrated under very difficult working conditions and at times working with inadequate resources but still continues to prioritise the education of our children.

The National pass rate, including the results of progressed students is 72.5% which is a slight increase of 1.8% from the 70.7% that was achieved by the class of 2015. With the exclusion of progressed student's results the pass rate is 76.2%.

These results further necessitates a thorough investigation of the factors that are responsible for poor results especially in rural provinces like Eastern Cape, KwaZulu-Natal and Limpopo. Measures needs to be put in place as a matter of urgency to deal with the problems faced by these provinces.

In this regard, the union calls upon all students who have not passed not to despair and loose hope but be courageous to use the second

chance programme offered by both the Department of Basic Education and the National Youth Development Agency [NYDA]. These opportunities are in existence for those who need to improve their matric results either by rewriting or moving to TEVT Colleges.

The union also notes the inequalities that continues to manifest themselves in our education system whereby children from private schools still enjoy more privileges as compared to those from public schools. The matric results released by Independent Examination Board (IEB) revealed that most of their candidates (private schools) are accepted already for post-schooling entrance at institutions of their choosing and qualifications of their choice.

Unfortunately, public school matric results are released almost two weeks after the private schools matric results have been release by the IEB. This approach clearly means and show that students from public schools whose majority are from working class back ground are left with crumbs and limited for the institutions of their choices and qualifications of their choice.

It is within this context that NEHAWU continues to call for a more radical and decisive approach in ensuring that the country implements a single-effective coordinated education system that does not disadvantage children from poor families and favours only those with good and deep pockets.

In this regard, the union working with SADTU and Progressive Youth Alliance (PYA) will urgently convene an education alliance meeting to thoroughly analyse these outcomes and map up a way forward for the future in preparations for the class of 2017.

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