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To: Hon. Fundile Gade
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Dear MEC Gade

**RE: URGENT RESPONSE TO DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE MEMORANDUM AND
DEMAND FOR AN INVESTIGATION INTO CORRUPTION IN EASTERN CAPE
SCHOOLS**

This letter serves as a formal demand for a full and urgent investigation into corruption in Eastern Cape schools, which has reached crisis proportions.

Our demands arise from a protest held by the Democratic Alliance today, 6 November 2025, at the District Office of the Eastern Cape Department of Education in Mdantsane. The protest followed recent revelations that more than R1 million in school funds were allegedly looted by the principal and School Governing Body (SGB) of Ulwazi High School in Mdantsane.

We have handed over a written memorandum of demands to a representative of the District Office. A digital version of the memorandum is also included [here](#).

I wish to inform you that we are requesting written feedback on our memorandum within seven days. Should we not receive a response within this period, the matter will be escalated to the National Department of Basic Education.

Public education funds belong in classrooms. The money intended to feed and educate children cannot be diverted to fund luxury lifestyles.

If the provincial government fails to act decisively, it will be complicit in the ongoing theft from the poorest children in this province. The Eastern Cape's children deserve protection from corruption and honest leadership that puts their future first.

We therefore await your formal response and detailed feedback on the Department's plan to implement urgent interventions to ensure accountability and to end corruption in our schools once and for all.

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed within an oval shape. The signature is stylized and appears to be 'H. Hendricks'.

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Hon. Horatio Hendricks, MPL
Shadow MEC for Education
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