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Dear MPL Waters

### **Request for a forensic investigation into the payments made to Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance**

We refer to your correspondence dated 8 March 2025, requesting the Auditor General South Africa (AGSA) to conduct a forensic investigation into the payments made by the Gauteng Department of Education ("GDE") to Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance ("MGSLG") for the financial periods 31 March 2019 to 31 March 2024.

In terms of the Public Audit Act 25 of 2004 (PAA), the AGSA has a constitutional mandate to audit and publicly report on the accounts, financial statements, and financial management of all government departments, all municipalities and municipal entities, and selected public entities. In terms of section 5(1) of the PAA, the AGSA has the discretion to perform other audit-related services, which are secondary to the core function (regularity audit). These audit-related services include the discretion to perform appropriate investigations or special audits, as stipulated in section 5(1)d of the PAA.

The functions of the AGSA in supporting constitutional democracy in South Africa are described in section 188 of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996. Section 5(1)(d) of the Public Audit Act 25 of 2004 (PAA) gives the AGSA the authority to carry out an appropriate investigation if the AGSA considers it to be in the public interest or upon the receipt of a complaint or request. All requests for investigation received must be considered, taking into account the nature and category of information as outlined in Regulation 3 of the Investigations and Special Audits Regulations.

Furthermore, according to the AGSA Investigation policy, the AGSA may consider a request for investigation if it falls within its legislative mandate, provided that the AGSA is best suited to perform such an investigation.

We have considered the matters that you have raised and wish to inform you that the audit team will address the concerns during the annual audit for the year ended 2024/25. This will include auditing the payments made during the 2024/25 financial year and assessing whether the work provided by MGSLG resulted in value for money.

Considering the period covered on your request (2019 – 2024), which cannot be sufficiently addressed during the annual audit, we advise you to refer the matter to the Office of the Public Protector through the Manager Registry at [julietnk@pprotect.org](mailto:julietnk@pprotect.org) for a thorough investigation.

In view of the above, the AGSA has decided not to conduct a separate investigation into the matter raised.

Thank you for raising your concerns with the AGSA.

Yours sincerely

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