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FUNDZA LUSHAKA GRADUATES NOT THE ONLY PRIORITY OF THE DEPARTMENT

PMB - The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal would like to respond to the public outcry that when it comes to the employment of educators, the Department prioritises educators who are graduated by the Fundza Lushaka Programme.

Much as the programme of Fundza Lushaka has contributed profoundly in assisting learners who are financially disadvantaged and could not afford to pay for their studies, the Department has realised that prioritising Fundza Lushaka graduates inadvertently disadvantages graduates who used their parents' hard earned money to fund their studies.

"In a way it defeats logic, that a widow who sold her last cow to pay for her child's education is disadvantaged on the basis of her child not being the recipient of Fundza Lushaka Bursary.

Being the recipient of Fundza Lushaka Bursary is an advantage on its own, it therefore does not assist that those who did not have the fortune of receiving the bursary are further disadvantaged," said MEC Kwazi Mshengu.

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal is an equal employment opportunity institution that does not discriminate against employees and job applicants based upon certain characteristics such as age, race, color, creed, sex, religion, and disability.

Recruitment of educators will not depend on whether they have obtained their academic qualifications through Fundza Lushaka bursary or not.

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