

TEACHERS' LEAVE: NAPTOSA SLAMS SYSTEM ABUSE

JOHANNESBURG — Abuse of the leave system by teachers must be condemned, the National Professional Teachers' Organisation of SA (Naptosa) said yesterday.

"Whilst Naptosa recognises the rights of educators in terms of leave ... any possible abuse in the system is to be condemned in the strongest possible terms ... The right of the child to quality education is paramount," said Naptosa president Ezrah Ramasehla.

"[We] call on the Department of Education to improve its management and administration of educator leave."

Ramasehla expressed concern over a finding of the study — commissioned by the Human Sciences Research Council — that reported a "conservative estimate of educator leave rate in South Africa of 10%-12%, [that is] 40 000 teachers, on average, being out of class on any given day".

Naptosa is committed to supporting the department in reducing the educator leave rate.

— Sapa.

