



## **EFF WELCOMES THE GAUTENG NORTH HIGH COURT DECISION TO SET ASIDE THE DECISION TO EXCLUDE 20 000 UNISA STUDENTS BY BLADE NZIMANDE**

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The EFF welcomes the court order granted by the North Gauteng High Court to set aside the decision by the lunatic Minister of Higher Education Blade Nzimande to exclude 20 000 first-time entering students from the University of South Africa (UNISA).

In what is a victory for education and the future of South Africa, the court has affirmed the application by the EFF Students' Command, and the position by the EFF that the exclusion of 20 000 students constitutes a regressive anti-intellectual decision, that will subject thousands of young people to the streets of this country, crime and unemployment.

Furthermore, we welcome the decision by the court which orders the foolish Blade Nzimande to pay the costs of the court process, including the counsel of the EFFSC.

The EFF is vindicated in that Nzimande does not have the slightest clue on how to lead a sophisticated sector that requires the ability to comprehend education as a means to development and upliftment of society.

This is clear in that it has taken a court order to reverse what was a palpably narrow-minded decision, especially considering that UNISA has infrastructure in place to conduct online learning, and that students enrolling at the institution do not require residences and are taught from home.

Blade Nzimande's incompetence is further made clear in that the reprioritization of the budget to increase the funding to the National Financial Aid Scheme (NSFAS), announced by cabinet only came after prolonged protest by students, and the brutal murder of Mthokozisi Ntumba.

Nzimande and the regime of Cyril Ramaphosa enjoy an exhibition of sorrow, anxiety and even death before they come to logical decisions that are in the best interest of this country.

We encourage all 20 000 students to accept their places at UNISA and pursue their education, as those who stood in the way of their future have been defeated.

These students must be provided with all necessary equipment to conduct their studies and all necessary provisions in terms of registration and funding must be made to ensure they are educated.

We also extend gratitude to the South African Human Rights Commission for joining the court action as a friend of the court, to assist the court in reaching a just and equitable decision and in this regard, reaffirming the sacrosanct right to education.

This victory must be an affirmation to all students who are currently waging a noble struggle on the ground for free education, and it must be proof to them that their efforts are justified and they are on the right side of history.

All students who have sacrificed their well-being to fight a regime that seeks to keep black keep perpetually underdeveloped must never tire. They are waging a struggle for future generations, and when in war with those who do not understand the value of education, we are assured of victory.

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