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Protesting pupils shut down school

“We have been quite for a long time in this school and I believe that this is why they do not care about us,” the pupil said.

KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education spokesperson Sihle Mlotshwa said the Department was aware of the electricity problem at Sukuma Secondary.

He said a transformer had indeed been damaged.

“We have been relying on a generator whilst we were attending to the problem,

however, the generator couldn't carry us for long and we couldn't risk the hostel pupils living in the dark.

“The matter has been sent to Public Works to appoint a service provider to attend to the problem.

The Department, through the District Director, has signed all the necessary documents and it is currently with supply chain at the Department of Public Works.

“They have promised to act urgently.

Already we are hard at work with Public Works to ensure that the matter is resolved as speedily as possible,” he said.

Mlotshwa denied that the school does not have teachers, and stated that the school has a full complement as per their post provisioning norms.

He said the boarders will be subjected to a school catch-up programme as they had not received any tuition from last week.



Sukuma Secondary School pupils on Monday.