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### **Al Jama-ah says parents have a right to enrol children at schools of their choice**

The Al Jama-ah calls on the Western Cape Education Department (WCED) to enforce former Model C schools to admit enrolment of learners from the Cape Flats and other townships.

The party's Member in the Western Cape Legislature, Maulana Galil Brinkhuis says there is a resistance from certain former Model C schools to admit learners from the Cape Flats. "Parents want to enrol their children at schools of their choice and should have that freedom to do so. But these Model C schools are giving parents the 'cold treatment' when they enquire why the school rejected their child's application," he says.

On Wednesday 07 December 2022 Brinkhuis accompanied a parent to the Parow High School who rejected her son's application for 2023. "Not only was the parent given 'cold treatment' by the school's secretary, but me as a MPL too. I experienced the same treatment last year, when I accompanied another parent with the same matter," says Brinkhuis.

The party thus urgently requests the WCED officials to make sure that former Model C schools accept learners from these low-income Cape Flats areas; they should, in fact, ensure that learners who have not been accommodated at schools in the Cape Flats or those who choose to attend schools with better resources and infrastructure, be given an opportunity to enrol.

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