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#### MEC BOSHIELO SADDENED BY DEATH OF A LEARNER

The Limpopo Education MEC Polly Boshielo has expressed shock and devastation at the death of a Grade R learner from Baithudi Mohlahledi Primary School, Lepelle Circuit in the Sekhukhune South Education District. The Department learnt that the learner passed on late yesterday after she was allegedly raped by a community member in Serageng village two weeks ago and has since been receiving medical treatment at Polokwane Provincial Hospital.

The department is deeply saddened by this tragic incident and accordingly sends its deepest heartfelt condolences to the family. MEC Polly Boshielo said: "We would like to convey our deepest condolences to the family and the entire school community during this difficult time of grief. It is sad to lose a young life, a grade R learner, who had just started with her formal education with a potential of becoming anything she wants in life. It is a big loss to us as a department. This is no easy matter for all of us, especially the family and we must work together to support and comfort each other."

May her soul rest in peace!

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