

Media Statement
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A GRADE 5 LEARNER DIED IN A SCHOOL TRIP BUS CRASH .

Limpopo Education MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya is saddened by the death of a grade 5 learner from Northampton Primary School under Molototsi circuit, in Mopani East Education District. The learner died in an accident when the driver of one of the buses that they were travelling in lost control of the vehicle, veered off the road, crashed into blue gum trees and overturned. Sixty four passengers including teachers and SGB members were rushed to various hospitals and later discharged. Four learners, two SGB members and a teacher are still receiving medical attention at Letaba Hospital outside Nkowankowa.

The learners were from a sports trip at Graigheid Primary School in Mopani West Education District on Saturday when the accident happened. The accident was reported on the road between Kgapanne and Tzaneen. MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya has passed her heartfelt condolences to the family of a Grade 5 learner who died in the accident and a speedy recovery wishes to those that are still in hospital. The district officials visited the family of the deceased at Mamatlepa village to pass condolences.

“We are saddened by the untimely death of our learner from Northampton Primary, we know it is a difficult moment for the family to lose such a young life, the learners who were in the bus must be devastated by the experience also. We have dispatched social workers to the school for a debriefing and we hope that the intervention will assist” MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The cause of the accident is still under investigation and funeral arrangements will be communicated in due course.

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