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Media Statement

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The Department sends condolences

The Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, is saddened by the news of the passing away of a learner from Nombika High School, under the ILembe District, who is reported to have taken her life.

The deceased was recently in the news because of the problem she had with the school regarding her traditional rituals. The Department intervened in the matter and the learner was back at the school being taught like all other learners.

The Department would like to send its condolences to her family and those close to her. According to the Circuit Management Centre (CMC), the learner came to school to write her June examination.

The examination finished last week Wednesday. The Department intervened when the story broke in the media and the learner went back to school and wrote all her examination papers.

The Department has not established as to what led to the learner taking a decision to end her own life. The ILembe District Director has sent a team to her family to establish the circumstances around her untimely death.

“As a Department of Education in KwaZulu-Natal, we would like to send our condolences to her family, the school and friends and we pray that God gives them strength during this difficult period,” said MEC Kwazi Mshengu,

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