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## Media Statement

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### **THE KZN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SADDENED BY THE UNTIMELY DEMISE OF GROENVLEI COMBINED SCHOOL LEARNERS**

The KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education, Ms Mbali Frazer has learned with shock and great sadness the passing of 4 learners of ages ranging from 14 to 16 years, from Groenvlei Combined School under the Amajuba District.

The learners met their tragic demise in the early hours of this morning due to a motor vehicle accident that occurred in the local gravel roads of Hattang. The learners were enroute home following a wedding ceremony they had attended over the weekend.

A total number of 11 learners who were travelling on the same vehicle are reported to have been rushed to nearby hospitals where they are being treated for injuries.

It is reported that there were approximately 30 commuters on the vehicle and some of which were members of the Hattang community. The cause of the accident is unknown at this stage but authorities in the Transport Department are probing the matter further.

"I was unpleasantly surprised to receive such daunting news of the tragic passing and injury of our learners this morning, I am constantly praying for our children's safety and such heart breaking news deeply saddens me, both as parents and the Department because we at all times anticipate a bright future for all our learners.

We also wish the learners who sustained injuries during the accident a speedy recovery", Remarked the KwaZulu-Natal MEC for Education. We would like to offer our most sincere condolences to the families of the bereaved, May God heal their wounds and bring comfort to their shattered hearts" said the MEC.

The Amajuba District Officials have been directed to meet with the families of the departed learners on behalf of the Department to offer the MEC's message of support.

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