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KZN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SADDENED BY FATAL LEARNER TRANSPORT ACCIDENT IN IMBALI

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education has received with deep shock and sadness the tragic news of a fatal accident that occurred this morning, Thursday, 11 September 2025, at approximately 07:30 in Imbali Unit 18, under the Umgungundlovu District.

Preliminary reports indicate that a taxi transporting learners from various schools in the Imbali Circuit lost control on a bend, collided with a tree, and subsequently rolled down onto a pre-school located below the road.

At this stage, it has been confirmed that five learners have sadly lost their lives, four passing away at the scene, and one succumbing to injuries while being transported to hospital. Several other learners sustained injuries of varying severity; however, the exact number is still being verified by emergency services.

The affected learners are from Zibukezulu Secondary School, Sukuma Comprehensive School, Mehlokazulu Secondary School, Fundokuhle Secondary School, and Henryville Primary School.



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The Department is working closely with law enforcement authorities, emergency services, and school management teams to gather all the necessary details. Psychosocial support has been arranged for the affected families, schools, and communities.

“This is a devastating tragedy that has robbed us of young lives with so much potential. What pains us even more is that this is the second accident in just a week that has claimed the lives of learners in our province.

Our hearts go out to the families, teachers, and classmates of the learners who have passed on. We also keep in our prayers those who are injured, wishing them a full and speedy recovery.

As the Department, we will provide all the necessary support to the affected schools and communities during this very difficult time. May we draw strength from the words of the Lord in Psalm 34:18, ‘The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.’” Said MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal Mr Sipho Hlomuka

The Department will continue to update the public as more information becomes available.

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