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KWAZULU-NATAL DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IS SADDENED BY THE PASSING OF A LEARNER AT INGWENI PRIMARY SCHOOL

The KwaZulu-Natal Department of Education has received with profound sadness the tragic news of the passing of a 5-year-old Grade R girl learner from Ingweni Primary School, under the King Cetshwayo District, this afternoon, 10 September 2025.

Preliminary reports indicate that at approximately 15H30, while being dropped off from school transport, a truck was reversing and tragically drove over her. Despite immediate efforts, the learner sadly passed away at the scene.

The Department extends its deepest condolences to the bereaved family, the school community, and all those affected by this heart-breaking incident.

To support the school community during this difficult time, the Department will deploy Special Needs Support Services to provide trauma debriefing and counselling to learners, staff, and affected families. The matter has been reported to the relevant authorities for further investigation.

Expressing his condolences, the MEC for Education in KwaZulu-Natal, Mr Sipho Hlomuka, said, "We are deeply heartbroken by this tragic loss of a young life. On behalf of the Department, I wish to convey our heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, and the entire Ingweni Primary School community. No words can truly ease the pain of this moment, but we pray that the family may find strength and comfort during this difficult time." "Akwehlanga lungehlanga."

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