



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MOURNS TWO LEARNERS FROM VRYBURG HIGH SCHOOL WHO PERISHED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT**

The North West Department of Education is saddened by the deaths of two learners from Vryburg High School in the Dr Ruth Segomotsi Mompati District, along with their driver, who perished in a horrific road accident in the early hours of Wednesday, 8 April 2026.

It is reported that four girl learners and their driver were travelling in their private transport from Delareyville to Vryburg to attend school, as it was the reopening of schools for the second term. It is further reported that, approximately 20 kilometres from Vryburg, their vehicle collided with a truck.

Unfortunately, the crash resulted in the immediate loss of three lives. Two learners and the driver were declared dead at the scene, while the two other learners sustained severe injuries. The deceased learners were in Grades 9 and 10 respectively, while the seriously injured learners are both in Grade 12.

The MEC for Education, Viola Motsumi was devastated by the tragic news of the accident. Immediately after receiving the news, she drove to Joe Morolong Hospital in Vryburg to offer her support to the families and wished learners a speedy recovery.

“On behalf of the entire Department, I wish to convey our heartfelt and deepest condolences to the families of the bereaved learners and also wish a speedy recovery to those who are still in hospital. To the Vryburg High School community, I further pray that you remain strong during this difficult time.

“I further urge all drivers who are transporting learners to school, to be extremely cautious on the road. The death of one learner is too many, we cannot allow the lives of our learners to perish on the road like this. These learners were coming to school for the second quarter and we were having so many plans to ensure that they excel in their studies”, added MEC Motsumi.

The Wellness Unit from the District Office has already conducted trauma debriefing to the learners and the educators. The psycho social support will also be extended to the affected family members.

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The memorial service and the funeral details of the deceased learners will be released once all the family members have been consulted.

**End.**

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