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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **SIX LEARNERS PASS AWAY IN A HORRIFIC CAR CRASH**

The Limpopo Department of Education is saddened by the tragic death of six learners from Jim Chavani Secondary School in the Vhembe East Education District. The learners were killed when a bakkie they had hitch hiked on their way back from school lost control and hit a house on Friday, 16 April 2021. The accident happened at Ximixoni village at Malamulele

The Department of Transport and Community Safety reports that the driver of the van was rushed to a local hospital in a critical state. Two other passengers sustained serious injuries while three managed to escape with minor injuries

MEC Boshielo expressed her sorrow upon hearing of the tragic accident and said: "We are deeply heartbroken and distraught. This is an unfathomable loss and one that is hard to comprehend given the circumstances that we are still mourning the heartbreaking loss of Lufuno Mavhunga of Mbilwi Secondary School.

For the families affected by this loss, the pain is too much to bear and we would like all of us to be united in this difficult time that befell the community. There can be no tomorrow without our youth and losing them at this rate puts at risk the future that our country aspires. We send out heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. We will work with sister departments given the massiveness of the tragedy to reach out to affected families and learners, in providing trauma counseling".

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