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CHROME MINE LEARNERS ESCAPED UNHARMED IN A HEAD-ON COLLISION.

A road incident involving a scholar transport bus occurred this morning along the R510 Prospectus Road between Northam and Thabazimbi in the Waterberg Education District. A bus which was carrying learners to school, collided head-on with a light delivery vehicle (LDV).

All learners from Chrome Mine Primary School who were on board the bus are safe. As a precautionary measure, the children have been taken to Dumela Mine Hospital in Thabazimbi for medical assessment. At this stage, no serious injuries have been reported.

The MEC for Education, Ms Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, expressed her profound sadness at the incident, while also conveying her deep relief that no lives were lost.

“Our thoughts are with the learners, their families, the educators, and the entire school community affected by this distressing event. We are thankful that all the children are safe, and we wish to reassure everyone that the Department will provide all necessary support during this difficult time.” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Department of Education is working closely with emergency services, health officials, and the relevant transport authorities. Further updates will be provided as more information becomes available. All scholar transport operators are urged to exercise extreme caution and to prioritise the safety of learners at all times.

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