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Media Statement

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### **ONE LEARNER DIED IN A HORRIFIC PRIVATE SCHOLAR CRASH**

The Limpopo Department of Education has learnt with profound sadness of a tragic road accident that occurred on the R597 near Ngoato Tlou High School in Sepanapudi, along the Lebowakgomo Road, resulting in the death of a 13-year-old learner and leaving several others injured.

Preliminary reports indicate that the accident involved a Toyota Quantum minibus and a Hino truck. It is alleged that the minibus was changing lanes while attempting to avoid a pedestrian walking on the road when the collision occurred. Fourteen passengers sustained serious injuries, including the drivers of both vehicles.

Of the injured learners, 11 were rushed to Lebowakgomo Hospital for medical treatment and observation. They have since been discharged. The deceased has been confirmed, a 13-year-old learner from Saint Francis Catholic Academy.

MEC Mavhungu Lerule-Ramakhanya, has conveyed her heartfelt condolences to the family, friends, fellow learners and the school communities affected by this tragic incident. "We are deeply saddened by the loss of a young life in this tragic accident. On behalf of the Limpopo Department of Education, I extend our sincere condolences to the bereaved family and the entire Saint Francis School community. While we are relieved that the injured learners have been discharged from hospital, our thoughts remain with

all those affected by this tragedy. We wish the learners a speedy recovery and urge all road users to exercise caution and prioritise road safety at all times,” said MEC Lerule-Ramakhanya.

The Department remains in contact with the affected schools, the bereaved family and relevant authorities, and will continue to provide the necessary support to learners, educators and all those affected during this difficult period.

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