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MEC Lesufi Shocked by the Death of a School Principal

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, is shocked and saddened by the death of Mr Emmanuel Tshivhase, a 53-year-old principal of Jabulile Secondary School in Orange Farm.

It is alleged that Mr Tshivhase was confronted by an unknown man who shot him dead while in his vehicle on Thursday, 09 January 2020. The incident occurred on the Golden Highway about 3km away from the school. The principal had allegedly stopped on the side of the road and was speaking on his cellphone before the unfortunate incident occurred.

The police attended the crime scene and opened a case to investigate the circumstances surrounding this gruesome murder of our beloved principal.

MEC Lesufi is disturbed by the death of one of his principals, especially in the midst of preparations that are underway for school re-opening next week on Wednesday, 15 January 2020.

Our officials have already visited the family to convey our condolences accordingly.

"Mr Tshivhase is one of our renowned principals who led Jabulile Secondary School with greatness. His hard work propelled an 80% pass rate for the 2019 Matric Results of his school. We condemn such criminal acts and extend our sincerest condolences to the family of Mr Tshivhase, and the entire school community," said MEC Lesufi.

The MEC will on Sunday, 12 January 2020, visit the family.

Media may attend the MEC's visit in accordance with the following details:

Date: 12 January 2020

Time: 4:00 PM

Place: 179 Tshabangu Street, Protea North, Soweto

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860.

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