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MEC Lesufi announces yet another learner death

The Gauteng Education MEC, Mr Panyaza Lesufi, wishes to inform about the death of a grade 11 boy -learner from Eldorado Park Secondary School.

It is alleged that the boy drank poison on Tuesday, 03 March 2020, and was rushed to a local Hospital for necessary medical attention, unfortunately he died on Thursday, 05 March 2020, after the Medical team advised the family that the life support machine be switched off. Sadly, we were informed by family that this was actually a second attempt after he survived the first one last year, 2019.

Since the beginning of the academic year 2020, unfortunately this is the 22nd learner death to be announced accordingly.

“We would like to send our sincere condolences to the family and the school community. Indeed, we are lost for words, to comfort them, we feel their pain during this time of grief” said MEC Lesufi.

Our Psychosocial Team will on Monday, visit all schools for necessary support and counselling.

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

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