



## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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**24 February 2023**

### **DINOKENG SECONDARY SCHOOL LEARNER FATALLY STABBED**

Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane is saddened by the recent passing of a Grade 10 boy learner from Dinokeng Secondary School in Westside Park, Sebokeng on Thursday, 23 February 2023, who was fatally stabbed after school.

According to information at our disposal, the incident is alleged to have occurred after school outside the school premises, and it is also alleged that he was stabbed by a fellow learner.

The learner was subsequently rushed to Sebokeng hospital, where he was unfortunately certified dead on arrival.

This incident follows the stabbing and hospitalisation of another Grade 11 boy learner from the said school on Wednesday, 22 February 2023, during a fight that broke out at a local sports ground late at night. It is alleged that these incidents are linked to the rampant gangsterism in the area.

Learners were sent home on Friday, 24 February 2023, as the community was outraged by these frequent occurrence of these incidents and began stoning buses and blocking off roads.

Our Psycho-Social Support team will be deployed to the school on Monday, 27 February 2023, to provide trauma support and counselling. These services will also be extended to the family.

“We mourn the untimely death of one of our learners, indeed we are deeply hurt and concerned by the occurrence of gangsterism which shortens the lives of our learners and jeopardises their future. We wish to extend our sincerest condolences to the family and school community at large,” said MEC Chiloane.

MEC Chiloane will be visiting the school on Monday, 27 February 2023.

#### **MEC’s visit will be as follows:**

**Date: Monday, 27 February 2023**

**Time: 8:00 AM**

**Address: Dinokeng Secondary School, Westside Park, Zone 21, Sebokeng**

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