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MODISELLE PRIMARY LEARNER LOSES LIFE IN TRAGIC TRANSPORT INCIDENT

Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane is deeply saddened by an incident which took place on Thursday, 1 February 2024, where a Grade 6 boy learner from Modiselle Primary School in Ga-Rankuwa tragically lost his life as a result of his scholar transport.

The tragic incident occurred on Thursday afternoon as learners were being transported home after school. It is alleged that the learner fell from the scholar bus and the rear wheels went over him, resulting in him losing his life.

The police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding this incident.

Our Psycho-Social Support Team visited the scene of the incident and subsequently the learner's family.

"Indeed, this is terribly saddening news. Scholar Transport is an initiative that forms part of our critical interventions to alleviate pressure from parents. As such, we expect our learners to be safely transported from home to school and back home. We call upon drivers to be extra vigilant of learner's safety. We wish to convey our deepest condolences to the family and the school community," said MEC Chiloane.

For more information, contact the Gauteng Department of Education's Spokesperson, Steve Mabona on 072 574 3860 or Spokesperson for Gauteng Education MEC Matome Chiloane, Xolani Mkhwemte on 084 513 9285

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