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MEC CHILOANE SADDENED BY DEATHS OF TWO LEARNERS FROM WILHELMINA HOSKINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Gauteng Education MEC, Mr. Matome Chiloane, is deeply saddened by the untimely passing of a Grade 7 boy learner and a Grade 4 boy learner from Wilhelmina Hoskins Primary School in Riverlea on Monday, 02 December 2024.

According to information at our disposal, it is alleged that the Grade 7 boy learner was shot at by unknown suspects at his family's house on Saturday, 30 November 2024. In another unfortunate incident, the Grade 4 boy learner fell ill on Monday, 2 December 2024, after reportedly consuming biscuits from a local spaza shop.

Accordingly, emergency services were called to provide medical assistance to the Grade 4 learner. However, he was declared deceased while receiving medical treatment at home.

The police are investigating the circumstances surrounding these sad incidents.

We have dispatched our Psycho-Social Support Unit to provide counseling to the school community on Tuesday, 3 December 2024.

"Indeed, we are saddened by these deaths and wish to convey our condolences to the families and the school community during this difficult time." 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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