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## Media Statement

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### Matatiele local municipality grieves the untimely passing of yet another Ramafole SSS learner

Matatiele local municipality Mayor Cllr. Momelezi Mbedla has, with great sadness learnt of the passing of another learner from Ramafole Senior Secondary School. The learner was amongst those involved in an accident that took place on the 02<sup>nd</sup> of September 2019 between Matatiele and Mt Fletcher (R56).

The scholar transport was ferrying 16 learners to Ramafole Senior Secondary School, under the Alfred Nzo West District when the driver allegedly undertook a miscalculated over-taking exercise. Two Grade 11 learners died on the spot and were laid to rest on the 14<sup>th</sup> of September 2019 at Thabatlala under Elundini local municipality. The departed learner is one of the two critical learners who were transferred to Nelson Mandela hospital in Mthatha for a more specialized treatment due to their critical state.

It's yet another sad day for us. We were truly hoping and praying that our child will come back home alive. We pray for strength and comfort to the family and the school community at large, said the Mayor.

Funeral arrangements are yet to be finalized.

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