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**MCHUNU HEART BROKEN FOLLOWING THE DEATH OF SIX PUPILS ON
THEIR WAY FROM SCHOOL**

KZN MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison, Mr. Willies Mchunu is saddened by the death of six pupils and a driver in Bulwer today (21.08.2012)

Report reveals that a bakkie carrying Donnybrook Primary and Blessed Luanda Primary School learners lost control and overturned.

According to eye-witnesses, the driver was trying to overtake on a sharp bend. The driver also died on the scene.

The accident happened on the R612 between Ixopo and Donnybrook.

All learners are believed to be under the age of 15.

Mchunu expressed shock at the accident and vowed that government will work tirelessly to reduce road deaths.

"I'm deeply saddened by the loss of so many pupils on the road. This is tragic and unacceptable. This once again confirms that road accidents are depriving us the future generation of young people who can take this country forward. It is heart breaking to lose such young people in a road accident. However as the department of Transport, we will continue to intensify our road safety campaigns. We urge all motorists to adhere to the rule of law. I wish to send my deepest condolences to the affected schools, families and friends," said Mchunu.

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