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Province of KwaZulu-Natal

MEDIA ALERT

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KZN TRANSPORT AND EDUCATION DEPARTMENT UNITE TO MOURN DECEASED LEARNERS

The Department of Education, led by MEC Senzo Mchunu, together with the Department of Transport HOD, Mr Sbusiso Gumbi, today (11 June 2013) met with learners from Mgezeni Secondary School and the families of the three high school students who passed away in a gruesome accident that took place near KwaMaphumulo on Saturday (08/06/2013).

These students passed away at the weekend when the bus they were traveling in lost control and over turned. Three students died on scene while the others sustained injuries and received treatment in nearby hospitals.

HOD for Transport Mr. Sbu Gumbi accompanied the Education MEC Mr Senzo Mchunu to address the peers of the deceased at the school assembly at Mgezeni Secondary School. The MEC encouraged learners and teachers from the school to utilize the free counseling service offered by the department in order to deal with the realities of the psychological trauma they are going through.

The delegation proceeded to meet with the three families of the deceased in an effort to render assistance where required. It was subsequently decided in this meeting that a memorial service be held for the deceased as a mass funeral posed challenges due to

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families staying far apart from each other. MEC Mchunu concluded by delegating senior officials from both departments to work closely with the families to ensure that they receive the assistance they need.

Details of the memorial service:

Date: 13 June 2013
Time: 09h00
Venue: Mgezeni Secondary School (Ntambanana)

Media are invited

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