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MEC CONCERNED AT THE DEATH OF FOUR SCHOOL CHILDREN ON THEIR WAY FROM SCHOOL

The MEC for Transport, Community Safety and Liaison Willies Mchunu has learnt with sadness of the death of four school children who died on their way from school today (12 June 2015).

Preliminary reports reveal that today on the R102 between uThongathi and Shaka's Kraal a truck and a minibus carrying nine passengers collided and killed four school children from Victory Christian Academy, three girls and one boy. It is believed that the children were coming from a school trip. Five other children were rushed to Victoria hospital.

"It is unfortunate that we have lost so many children in an accident, and we wish to send our condolences to their families, relatives and the school community. We also wish for a speedy recovery of the injured learners. Furthermore, we continue to appeal to all road users, especially drivers, to exercise patience while driving and strictly adhere to road traffic rules so as to save lives," said Mchunu.

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