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**TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS**  
**FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

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**MEC MAJUBA SADDENED BY THE PASSING AWAY OF TWO TEACHERS FOLLOWING A CAR ACCIDENT THIS AFTERNOON**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education has learnt with shock and sadness about an accident which claimed the lives of two teachers along the N4 road towards Mbombela. These teachers were from a Mathematics, Science and Technology Academy Training Session at Emalahleni and were returning home when the accident occurred.

The MEC for Education, Mr Bonakele Majuba is very much saddened by this shocking accident and has conveyed his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families. "It is really painful to fathom the news of the passing away of our young teachers who were on a patriotic journey to empower themselves with knowledge so that in turn they could impart it to our children. Teachers remain a valuable resource for the growth and development of our communities and if one of them departs from this world it becomes a heavy blow to the Department and the rest of our communities.

In this case two of them passed away and it is too much to bear for the Department and the Province. We thus lower the provincial flag as we mourn in our hearts. We convey our condolences and at the same time wish those who are injured a speedy recovery." The two teachers who passed away are from Masitakhe and Tikhontele Secondary Schools in Ehlanzeni District. MEC Majuba will tomorrow visit the schools and the bereaved families.

The MEC will be accompanied by the officials from the Department including those who will render the Psycho- social support to staff and learners. The MEC will arrive at Nkululeko Circuit in Matsulu in Mbombela at 08H00 where he will meet the Principals and Members of the School Governing Bodies of Masitakhe and Nkululeko Secondary Schools. There after meet with the bereaved families.

The media is invited to accompany the MEC and his team.

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