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SIX LEARNERS FROM SIBHULO SECONDARY SCHOOL INVOLVED IN CAR ACCIDENT

The Mpumalanga Department of Education learnt with shock of an accident involving six learners from Sibhulo Secondary School in Kabokweni which happened late vesterday.

It is alleged that the driver of the vehicle lost control and subsequently hit six learners who were walking on the sidewalk from the school Afternoon lessons.

The learners were subsequently rushed to Themba Hospital where they are currently receiving medical treatment.

Three of the learners were seriously injured and the other three sustained minor injuries. The Department is monitoring the developments very closely and providing the necessary support.

Officials from the Inclusive Education and Wellness section have been deployed to the school to render psychosocial support services to the educators, learners as well as the parents of the affected learners.

Four of the six learners have since been discharged from the hospital after being treated for the injuries sustained during the incident.

The South African Police are currently investigating the circumstances surrounding the incident. The MEC for Education Ms Cathy Dlamini conveyed a message of support to the learners and wished them speedy recovery.

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