



TO NEWS EDITORS AND JOURNALISTS FROM THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT

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THE DEPARTMENT COMMENDS THE SOUTH AFRICAN POLICE FOR THE ARREST OF THE SIX SUSPECTS

The Mpumalanga Department of Education commends the South African Police for their swift response in apprehending the six teenagers, aged between 16 and 19 years, who are suspected of being involved in the murder of a 19 year old grade 12 learner, Mcedisi Christopher Nhlapho from Insika Secondary School in Elukwatini.

As per the preliminary report, the incident transpired on 27 May 2025, when a physical altercation ensued between Nhlapho and a group of six individuals while he was returning home from school.

The department condemns any form of violence with the strongest possible terms, as it often lead to detrimental consequences, such as the tragic incident in question.

The department extends its heartfelt condolences to the bereaved family and all individuals adversely affected by this unfortunate event.

In response, officials from the inclusive education and wellness sections were dispatched to provide psychosocial support services to the affected family, learners, and educators at the school.

Furthermore, the department strongly urges all parties to fully cooperate with the police during the ongoing investigation to ensure that the perpetrators are held accountable for their actions.

The department will closely monitor the situation at the school.

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