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**THE MPUMALANGA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION MOURNS THE PASSING OF A
GRADE 7 LEARNER AT SIPHEDULELWE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The Mpumalanga Department of Education received with profound sadness the news of the untimely passing of a 14 year Grade 7 female learner at Siphendulelwe Primary School in Emalahleni yesterday.

The preliminary report indicates that learner collapsed in her classroom during the first period.

Despite the immediate actions taken by her teacher and the support staff, who promptly provided assistance and called for medical help, the learner was certified dead upon arrival at Siphosensimbi Clinic.

The Department shares the pain and sorrow that such a loss brings to the family, school, classmates, teachers and the entire school community.

The Department has deployed officials from the inclusive education and wellness sections to work closely with the School Based Support Team to provide necessary counselling services for learners, members of the staff and everyone affected by this loss.

The Department once again, takes this opportunity to extend its heartfelt condolences to the family, relatives, friends and the entire school community.

May the soul of the departed rest in peace.

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