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STATEMENT

Three children lose their lives in school walkway collapse

The Council for the Built Environment (CBE) places on record its deepest condolences to the parents and families of the three children who lost their lives when the walkway collapsed at Hoërskool Driehoek in Vanderbijlpark today. This is a huge loss to the school, to the community and it has robbed the country of three minds that could have contributed greatly.

The CBE, by virtue of its mandate from the Council for the Built Environment Act 43 of 2000, is the regulator of the built environment in South Africa. It is presently liaising with state organs who oversee construction health and safety – such as the Department of Labour and the South African Council for Project and Construction Management Professions (SACPCMP) – to determine the cause of this tragedy that resulted in the loss of lives. It views its role of protecting the public in built environment matters in a very serious light. It will therefore work very closely to review the reports from the authorities concerned – to determine the cause of the incident, and once established to find remedies going forward to avoid such tragedies in future.

The CBE adds its voice to promote construction health and safety, and therefore recommends that professionals undertaking construction work must be registered in the interests of conforming to required standards and protecting the public.

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