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SOUTH AFRICAN PRINCIPALS ASSOCIATION (SAPA) sends sincere condolences to the families, friends and schools of the young people who tragically perished at Nyobeni Tavern in East London, Eastern Cape. We hope that affected families will receive necessary support to process and work through this traumatic period.

As society, we have to evaluate our collective values and stance of raising our children. It will require a collective effort to educate and guide our young people about responsible ways of enjoyment and relaxing. A moment of fun cannot turn into a lifetime of negative consequences and or tragedy. It will also take a collective effort to hold accountable, those who, despite the law, continue to serve alcohol to underage youth.

SAPA encourages schools to take a leading role in the education of our youth about responsible decision-making. Our schools should nurture a mindset of respect of self, the environment, others and the rule of law. Out of this tragedy, let us strengthen our resolve to assist parents and society in raising our children with positive values that will have positive impact.

“It is our responsibility as schools, parents, community members and leaders, state agencies, and members of the public to foresee and prevent all these incidents by means of close cooperation and decisiveness. One loss of life is too many.” said Mr Simphiwe Lukasi SAPA Eastern Cape President.

We hold all those affected in our prayers.

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