Rustenburg – The country is in mourning after a concrete walkway at Hoërskool Driehoek in Vanderbijlpark, connecting two sections collapsed, crushing pupils.

Three learners died on scene while a fourth succumbed to his injuries died later in hospital. Numerous learners sustained serious injuries while one student was left paralysed.

The incident occured on Friday 1 February, a few minutes after 08:00 as pupils were heading to their classrooms after the morning assembly.

Support groups and counsellors have been deployed to the school to support those affected.

This horrifying incident touched the hearts of ordinary South

Local schools show support after tragedy hits

Africans - with millions of condolence messages flooding social media, and monetary and other contributions are being made. In Rustenburg, local schools - especially Laerskool Dawid Brink – are joining the initiative to unite by wearing yellow and purple ribbons to show their solidarity.

Yellow and purple are the school colours of Hoërskool Driehoek.

We extend our sincerest condolences to the friends and families of the four learners who passed away: Roydon Olckers (17), Jandre Steyn (13), Marli Curry (13), and Marnus Nagel (16).



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Rustenburg – After experiencing various bumps in the road to safety, Democratic Alliance (DA) councillor for ward 18 Martha Lerm has finally succeeded by having speed humps placed on the R510 in front of Hoërskool Grenswag.

This road proved to be a safety hazard for learners crossing the R510 as some drivers blatantly sped by. Platinum Weekly reported on 14 September 2018 that in one month two students were hit by vehicles on this busy crossing. With no speed humps, stop signs or pedestrian crossings in front of the school, this stretch of road was a proverbial accident waiting to happen.

For years Martha fought for the safety of these learners and little by little improvements were made. There is now a pedestrian crossing, breaking strips and finally speed humps. In an interview with Platinum Weekly Martha said: "Two years of begging and fighting, tooth and nail, has finally paid off. It is such a relief that learners, having to cross the road, can now do it safely."





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