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Matthew Goniwe  
SCHOOL OF LEADERSHIP & GOVERNANCE



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## **In memory of a 'Courageous, Selfless and Gallant Leader' of our times.**

**Statement by the Chairman of Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance Board of Directors on the Passing of Mrs Nyameka Goniwe, a freedom fighter and widow to the stalwart, Matthew Goniwe.**

We have received with great shock and sadness the news on the passing on of our greatly honoured leader and dear mother, Mrs Nyameka Goniwe on Saturday, the 29 August 2020. The death of Mrs Nyameka Goniwe during women's month is a setback to women empowerment and gender struggle in our country. She departs to join her husband Mathew Goniwe and many other heroes and heroines our liberation movement.

The passing on of Mrs Nyameka Goniwe is an unimaginably sad loss for the MGSLG institution (the Board and Executive Management) as well as the broader education sector in the Gauteng Province. Our institution is honored to be named after the gallant son of the soil, Matthew Goniwe who was brutally murdered by the apartheid regime. Mrs Nyameka Goniwe was the widow of Mr Matthew Goniwe.

Mrs Nyameka Goniwe's sudden departure is a great set-back to us as an institution as we journeyed faithfully together with her, the broader Craddock Four families and the Craddock community in a quest to uphold and preserve the legacy of her husband Matthew, by promoting good- quality teaching and learning to our school learners and teachers thus emulating what her husband stood for. Over the years, she has without hesitation participated in the activities of the institution including our Annual Matthew Goniwe Lecture the last of which was held in October 2019.

There is no debate over the calibre and stature of the man Matthew Goniwe was. A teacher, prolific leader and a beacon for social equality. However, side by side to this leader, walked Mrs Nyameka Goniwe, the lioness of unparalleled courage and deep conviction. A woman of unequalled fortitude, honourable and yet endearing and gentle at heart.

On behalf of the Matthew Goniwe School of Leadership and Governance (MGSLG), I wish to extend our heartfelt sympathy and most sincere condolences to the Goniwe family, friends, struggle veterans, the Cradock community and all members of progressive structures of the democratic movement.

**May You Rest In Peace –Mrs. Nyameka Goniwe - and Rise in Glory!**

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