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As the academic year begins, parents in the Uitkyk informal settlement protested against the government transport service responsible for transporting learners to various schools in Mhluzi.

On Wednesday, they placed tyres and branches on Keiskamma Drive and the Van Dyksdrift road.

Parents are protesting against the scholar transport, citing issues such as late pickups leading to problems at schools, overcrowding on the bus, and bullying caused by overcrowding.

They said they have complained to the education department, however, it has

fallen on deaf ears.

This is not the first time parents have raised concerns about the school buses.

- In 2021, School-Governing Body members of Mkhulu Combined School protested about scholar transport, saying the Department of Public Works did not have adequate roadworthy vehicles or sufficient buses.

They also complained about the department's lack of communication about bus routes, resulting in daily late arrivals.

The Department of Public Works and the Department of Education could not be reached for comment before print.