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All County Directors of Education
HOLIDAY TUITION

Allegations from some of our stakeholders have come to my attention to the effect that holiday tuition has been going on in some Primary and Secondary Schools across the country.

You are aware that holiday tuition of any kind is outlawed under Section 37 of the Basic Education Act, 2012 which states: that no pupil shall be subjected to holiday tuition. It further states that a person who contravenes subsection this provision commits an offence and is liable on conviction to a fine not exceeding one hundred thousand shillings or to Imprisonment for a period not exceeding one year or to both.

The Ministry of Education provides for 13 weeks of formal teaching each term, which translates into 195 days of formal tuition per year. This applies to both primary and secondary education.

The Ministry has taken into account the curriculum load that that Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) in providing for the holidays. April, August and December holidays accord an opportunity to learners to relax, and learn important social skills through interactions among themselves and with adults while on holidays. The tuition schools provide during holidays is a gross abuse of the rights of children, under the Constitution, and relevant international conventions of the child.

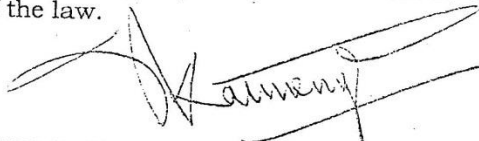
Tuition outside School hours and during holidays, ceased to be remedial and has been turned into a commercial enterprise through which teachers earn illegal income. As a result, extra tuition is used to cover the content which should be covered in normal academic term.

The extra money that schools demand parents to pay to underwrite provision of tuition during holiday is an additional burden to households' budgets across Kenya, as well as being unethical.

In the light of the above, you are required to ensure that no schools, without exception, under your jurisdiction, conduct holiday tuition. For avoidance of

doubt, all public and private Primary and Secondary schools are subject to the Basic Education Act and other policies on Education.

You are expected to take appropriate action, including notifying The Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP) schools which will conduct holiday tuition in gross violation of the law.



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