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To: Headteachers of all Primary Schools with Boarding Sections
Proprietors of all Private Primary Schools with Boarding Sections

MANAGEMENT OF NON-CANDIDATE CLASSES DURING PRIMARY LEAVING EXAMINATIONS

Reference is made to our Circular No. 22/2022 issued on 28th October 2022, which, in addition to suspending school visitation days and leavers' parties, discouraged non-essential trips out of the school by learners in boarding institutions.

In spite of the above clear guidance, we have learnt that some primary schools with boarding sections are asking parents to pick their children in classes below P7 for a break during the Primary Leaving Examinations (PLE) scheduled for 8th and 9th November 2022.

This is inappropriate and demonstrates a lack of appreciation of the current public health emergency arising from the outbreak of Ebola Virus Disease (EVD), and the need for effective implementation of the necessary infection prevention and control measures.

The purpose of this circular, therefore, is to direct headteachers and managers of all primary schools with boarding sections to desist from asking parents to pick their children in non-candidate classes for a school break during the PLE. Arrangements should be made to keep the concerned learners in the boarding facilities for the two days of PLE.

The children in day schools may remain home on the two days when PLE is being conducted.

By copy of this circular, all Resident District Commissioners, Chief Administrative officers, District Education Officers and District Inspectors of schools are requested to ensure that the primary schools comply with the above directive.

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Ismael Mulindwa

For: PERMANENT SECRETARY

Copy: Resident District Commissioners (RDCs)
Executive Director, Kampala Capital City of Authority
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