

## STATEMENT ON END OF TERM ONE 2024

The Ministry of Education & Sports informs all Ugandans that we are almost coming to the end of term one of this year 2024 school calendar, which begun on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February, 2024 and the term will end on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> May, 2024 comprising of 89day.

On behalf of all education fraternity, I would like to give my heartfelt appreciation to our Minister of Education and Sports Maama Janet Kataha Museveni for her leadership and guidance to all education institutions and schools. As the head of the sector, we thank her for the strategic directives and policy directions.

I also wish to thank our Government of Uganda under the leadership of H.E Gen Yoweri Kaguta Museveni through the Ministry of Finance, Planning & Economic development for providing funds for our schools and institutions to enable schools complete term I smoothly.

I thank all school directors, head teachers, teachers and support staff for your resilience during the term and impacting relevant knowledge, skills, values and right attitudes into the lives of our children.

To our learners, so far you have made a difference in your lives through education, I say congratulations for completing term one and may God bless you and make your dreams come true.

To our parents, we appreciate your financial, material, moral, social and parental support towards the education of our children and for entrusting us with your children.

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## Highlights of Term I 2024

During term one, teaching and learning went on smoothly without so much interruptions. Extra-curriculum activities were all conducted smoothly in all schools and institutions. Ministry of Education & Sports appreciate all stakeholders for a job well done during term I.

However, despite smooth running of the term, there were fire outbreak in some schools in Busia district where we lost lives of our learners (**RIP**), lost properties and some learners were injured. The term also registered red eye conjunctivitis outbreak which were controlled.

We did not register any serious health challenges in schools apart from normal flue and cough and malaria which were handled accordingly. There were no strikes registered in schools which demonstrates our learners are disciplined and embraces dialogue as a means of solving problems. We sincerely thank school administrators, teachers and learners for loving their schools and loving their country.

## Holidays for Learners

Our children will soon be fully under your custody for a period of three weeks, we are kindly requesting you parents to take fully responsibility and nurture our children in holistic manner. Involve them in all day to day activities and take care of their safety. Parents, pay special attention to the girl child to avoid teenage pregnancy and early marriage since most of this vice often takes place at home under your watch. Ensure the boy child is equally counseled on matters concerning reproductive health and right and embrace abstinence.

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Parents, as our children come home, let's uphold Christian values, cultural norms, moral and social etiquette for them. Ensure you parents are the gatekeepers for the phones and social media for our children so that they handle social media with maximum discipline.

### **Holiday teaching & coaching**

Ministry of Education and Sports will not tolerate holiday teaching and coaching for children in any school. Please abide by the regulations and standards set by the Ministry. Our laws, regulations and guidelines does not have provisions for holiday teachings. So be careful.

The Ministry of Education and Sports request all school administrators to ensure that schools adhere to minimum standards and basic requirements especially those in boarding sections. Schools with boarding section that did not meet the minimum standards, please put your schools to order before term II begins. Specifically, focus on sleeping arrangements and spacing, sanitation facilities, fire outbreak prevention equipment, lightening arrestors among others.

Lastly, Ministry of Education & Sports conveys a special appreciation for all stakeholders who have participated in the ever first International Day of Education. We again say thank you. Kindly take note that the celebration of International Education day will be an annual event.

*Term II will begin on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 and ends on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2024. Term II will comprise of 89days*

**God bless you Learners and enjoy your holidays**

