



UGANDA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS BOARD

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PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

UNEB's Stand Regarding the 15 candidates of Iganga Top Care SS –U1700

It has come to the attention of the Uganda National Examinations Board (UNEB) that fifteen (15) candidates from Iganga Top Care Secondary School were refused to sit for their first UACE Examination paper on Monday November 11, 2019 due to non-payment of the outstanding school fees balances. However, we have learnt that after some intervention, the candidates were able to write the subsequent examinations.

UNEB's position on this matter has been that if a school is able to tolerate the defaulting candidates to stay in school until the date of the examinations, then such candidates should be allowed to write their examinations. The Board has always advised that school fees and any other outstanding school dues must be collected way before UNEB examinations begin. We, therefore think that the action taken by the Head teacher of Iganga Top Care SS was inappropriate and goes against the guidelines provided by UNEB.

That said, it is not the responsibility of the Board to get directly involved in the administrative issues of the schools, even if such schools are UNEB examination centres.

If there are any other candidates in this same category, our advice is that both the parents and the Headteachers should discuss and agree on the modalities of payment so as not to disadvantage the candidates. The relevant stakeholders and authorities need to work with school owners, head teachers and parents to amicably resolve the issue of outstanding school dues to avoid last minute quick fixes that only disorient the innocent candidates.

UNEB remains committed to conducting valid, reliable, equitable and quality assessment of Learners' achievements in a professional and innovative manner.

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