MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MBALA DISTRICT EDUCATION BOARD

TO THE MINISTRY OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PLANS MEETING

21TH NOVEMBER 2024

1. CONDUCT OF GRADE 7, 9 AND 12 FINAL EXAMINATIONS

I wish to report that the grade 7 final examinations were conducted in all the 62 centres and this was done in malpractice free atmosphere. The district team managed to monitor 26/62 grade 7 examination centres.

In addition, the grade 12 examinations are currently going on and will be concluded by Tuesday the 19th November 2024. The grade 12 examinations are been conducted in 19 centres and the district team has managed to monitor all the 19 centres. So far so good in the all centres the atmosphere is conducive.

As for grade 9 examinations, the district has already received the examination materials and the examinations will start on 20th November, 2024 and will end on 28th November, 2024.

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2. AUTOMATED ANNUAL SCHOOL CENSUS TOOL.

The Ministry of Education, in collaboration with the Zambia Statistics Agency, has completed the automation and testing of the Annual School Census Questionnaire ASCQ. The national, provincial and district officers have since been trained to support the effective roll out of this tool and ensure accurate and high-quality data collection for the education cycle for 2024 and beyond.

The meeting was held at the Provincial Resource centre in Kasama from 8th November to 10th November 2024.

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3. INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

- The Ministry of Education with support from the Global fund is constructing a weekly boarding school at Kawama day secondary school the contract sum is **K2, 123,969.00**. The project is at flooring stage and will be completed by December this year.

Boarding Facility Kitchen facility

- Am glad to report that the ZEEP Project (Nsizye Day Secondary School) has gone a milestone as the bore hole site has been selected and awaiting the contractor. However, there is need for the road to be worked on to enable heavy loader trucks to pass easily as they ferry materials to the site for construction.

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4. HOME GROWN SCHOOL MEALS FEEDING PROGRA

I wish to report that the distribution of 161 metric tones of white maize to 92 primary schools implementing the Home School Feeding Program has commenced. The feeding program helps curb absenteeism and this motivates learners to be in class hence improving the learning and teaching process.

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5. CONDUCT OF FINANCIAL LITERCY TO LEARNERS

I wish to report that with the support of the Non-Governmental Organisation, Junior Achievement Chanching, the district was trained in Financial Literacy a programme that was escalated to learners (Grades 5 & 6). The programme has started with 10 schools and will expand to others. The rationale of the training is to empower the learners with financial literacy skills for sustainable development.

On the other hand, I wish to report that Teacher Education section has continued to capacity build the teachers to enhance their attention to learners in terms of remedial work (Catch Up) and hence improving reading levels. Currently the district is above 50% overall in terms of reading levels.

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