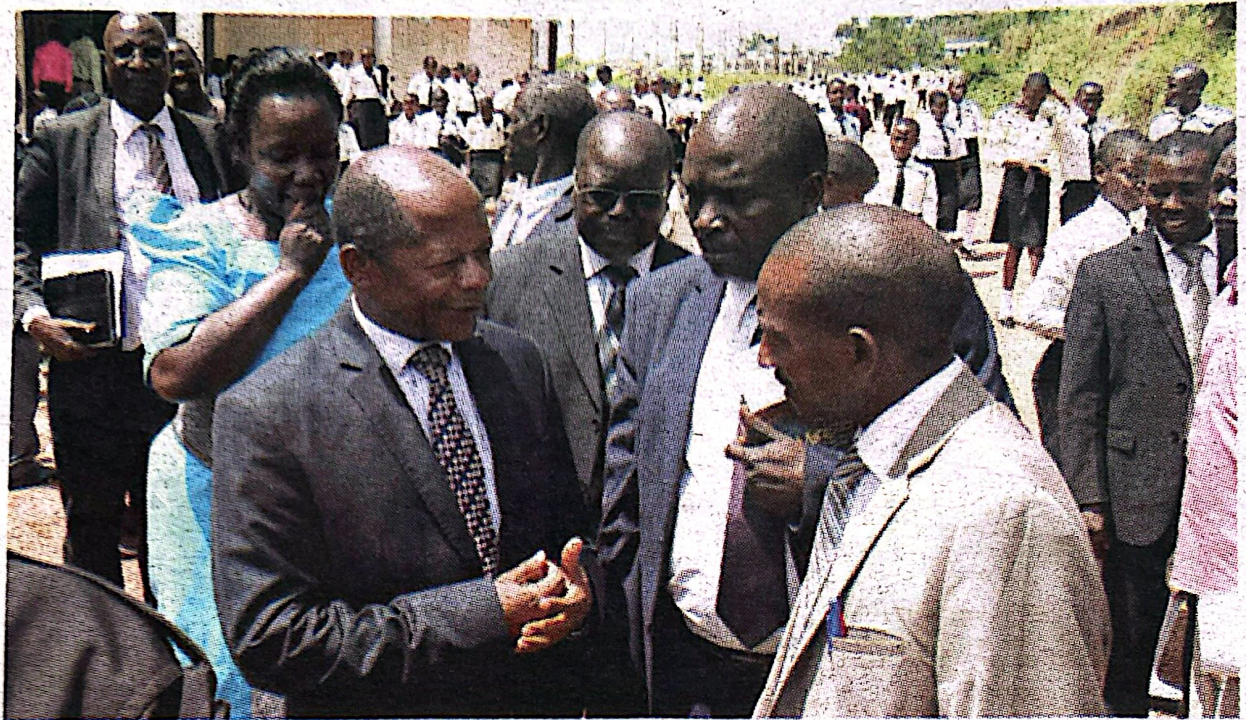


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State minister for Primary Education John Muyingo (L) chats with the school administrators after a thanksgiving service at Katikamu SDA Secondary School in Luweero District last Saturday. PHOTO BY DAN WANDERA

Minister advises on scholarships

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LUWEERO. State minister for Primary Education John Chrysostom Muyingo has told parents and students to regularly read newspapers and consult education officials on available government scholarships.

Dr Muyingo said many students in Luweero District continue to miss out on higher education opportunities due to lack of school fees yet neither the students nor their parents look out for opportunities available, including the government student's loan scheme, introduced two years ago.

"Most of the government scholarships are advertised. It is unfortunate that many of our children in Luweero District are not taking up the students loan scheme," Mr Muyingo told parents and students during a thanksgiving service for

Katikamu SDA SS at the school campus last Saturday.

The minister pointed out that students could also take advantage of technical and vocational studies which are entirely free.

"As we celebrate the 2015 academic achievements at Katikamu Seventh Day Adventist SS, we need to spread the gospel of discipline and moral uprightness as key ingredients for the success in our schools," Dr Muyingo said.

The minister asked district leaders to increase their budgetary allocation for education with a view of uplifting education standards in the districts.

"I will soon convene a stakeholders meeting to see how we can help our children get better education because government has built the classroom blocks, among other facilities, and what is lacking is higher academic standard. Luweero should be able to post better

academic grades at all levels than we see today," Mr Muyingo said.

Mr Joseph Nyangoma, the school head teacher, Katikamu SDA SS, asked government to extend funding to private schools which have exhibited academic excellence over the years to enable them restock their science laboratories and promote sports.

"Our academic performance has been consistent in the last 10 years at both the Ordinary and Advanced levels. This is the reason why we organise thanksgiving services every year. Our very own Mr Enock Kinene got 20 points in the 2015 Advanced Level examinations in science disciplines," Mr Nyangoma said.

He added: "A total of 117 students got three principal passes and will join university and other tertiary institutions. We appeal to parents not to abandon these young children at this critical point".