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At Kigezi High School Lower Prima-

utations and alumni influence.

Kaliro school enrolment increases after Shs172 million boost

BY PHILIP WAFULA

KALIRO. Pupil enrolment at Bwayuya Primary School in Kasokwe Sub-county, Kaliro District, has surged over the past eight months following the renovation of previously dilapidated structures.

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ya, a teacher of 16 years, said the improved environment has boosted attention and performance, particularly among girls. The development comes amid concerns over poor Primary Leaving Examination performance in the Busoga Sub-re-

gion, attributed to child labour, poverty and parental neglect. In Kaliro District, results have also been affected by a teachers' strike and inadequate infrastructure.

The district senior education officer, Mr Moses Wambuzi, said teachers are now

more motivated but urged parents to support learners. "Parents must provide scholastic materials, ensure feeding, and encourage regular attendance," he said.

Mr Deep Dhola, the managing director of Modern Group of Companies, representing

chairman Mr Ashish Monpara, described the project as an investment in Uganda's future.

Top-performing pupils received scholastic materials, while 40 secondary students

in Busoga - 18 from Kaliro - are benefiting from scholarships.

The company also installed a 200kV transformer worth Shs75 million to electrify five villages in Bwayuya Parish.

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