

Muyingo warns school proprietors

MUKONO

By Henry Nsubuga

State minister for higher education John Chrysostom Muyingo has advised school proprietors to use the two months for holidays to uplift the quality of their schools.

Muyingo said starting next year, the education ministry will not allow schools without the required education standards to operate.

He said for the past years, the ministry and the Government have been emphasising the need for all the children to enrol and stay in schools, which has been achieved.

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He was on Sunday addressing pupils, teachers and parents of Pherry Junior School at Kitete-Ssaza village in Mukono municipality during the school's music dance and drama competitions.

Muyingo said the teachers must follow to the letter their code of conduct professional ethics.

"No teacher must go to school

while putting on a mini skirt or short dress and an armless blouse/shirt showing the armpits and breasts, among others. Schools must be schools. We will not entertain places that look like schools yet they lack the minimum standards and conditions to promote learning," he emphasised.

Muyingo asked the parents to give quality time to their children and not abandon them in the hands of housemaids and television sets. He said parents on their daily routine should be



Muyingo greeting parents of Pherry Junior School in Mukono. Photo by Henry Nsubuga

able to go back early and get time to talk to their children.

"Teach them your own cultural values. If you are an Acholi or Muganda, take them through your cultural values and beliefs. They will help them get a firm foundation," he said.

Mukono municipality principal education officer, Margaret Nakitto, highlighted

the need for schools to form Parents and Teachers Association committees (PTA), which help parents to be ably represented on their school's administration.

Nakitto advised schools which have been operating without the PTA committees to form them before next years begins.

The school director, Sylvia Nandutu, asked parents to always support their children in order to promote their talents.

Nandutu said talent promotion among young children is vital in the present day because talents have empowered many people who have gone on to earn money from them.