

Muyingo warns teachers on schemes of work, lesson plans

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The State minister for higher education Dr John Chrysostom Muyingo has warned teachers against using pamphlets as a substitute for their own schemes of work and lesson plans.

"This is a shame and unethical and should be stopped immediately. This has grave consequences on the quality of students you are sending out," he warned.

Officiating at the ninth graduation ceremony of National Teachers' College (NTC), Kaliro last week, Muyingo said, "Teachers who continue doing this will be gravely penalised if caught."

A total of 1,132 teachers were awarded diplomas; 922 in secondary education and 210 in primary education, from Kyambogo University.

Lesson plans are a vital component of the teaching-learning process. Proper



Minister Muyingo (second-left) during a procession at the ninth graduation ceremony of National Teachers' College, Kaliro last week. Photo by Charles Kakamwa

classroom planning keeps teachers organised and on track.

A scheme of work is a plan that defines work to be done in the classroom.

Muyingo, in his message, stated, "The growing habit of trading in professional aspects of the teaching profession, which is affecting the quality of teaching,

must stop. Scheming and lesson planning is the key professional practice of a teacher and must be adhered to."

Meanwhile, the minister

commended the graduands for choosing the teaching profession and for accepting to be change agents to drive the country's development. He also challenged them to stick to professional ethics.

"Avoid putting the teaching profession in disrepute. Avoid risky social behaviour and instead be change agents in society," Muyingo said, advising them to seek opportunities for further education.

"Teachers are frontline participants in educational reform and are critical to successful quality education in our country.

"They constitute our nation's most precious workforce and we look to them to guide our children in their quest for knowledge to enable them lead a life of dignity and self-respect," he observed.

Iraalya Bakamya, the principal of NTC Kaliro,

commended the Government and development partners for the financial support towards the renovation of the college infrastructure.

He said under the first phase of the Belgium Technical Agency, the institution had staff development, pedagogic improvement, construction and rehabilitation of classrooms and offices.

Bakamya asked the Government to recruit more staff, especially in the department of information technology, Kiswahili, electricians, plumbers and drivers.

He also asked the Government to avail the college with a tractor to improve its agriculture.

Bakamya called for the increase of the capitation grant from sh1,800 to sh5,000 per student per day to cater for the high food prices and operational costs.