

Closed schools unaware of KCCA directive

Next move. The teachers in some schools say they will ask the proprietors to engage KCCA officials on the matter.

BY AMOS NGWOMOYA

angwomoya@ug.nationmedia.com

KAMPALA. The private city schools, which were closed by KCCA over non-compliance with education standards aren't aware of the directive, *Daily Monitor* has established.

The closure of the 21 schools is contained in a letter from the Kampala Capital City Authority acting director of education and technical services, Mr Ambrose Atwoko, dated February 2.

"...the status quo has been maintained and the 21 schools should therefore not be allowed to open for first term 2018," reads in part the letter addressed to the KCCA director of legal affairs, Mr Charles Ouma.

Mr Atwoko noted in his letter that KCCA would continue carrying out operations to crackdown on schools that might defy the directive.

The closed schools, according to KCCA, couldn't be allowed to operate because their current status is endangering the lives of learners.

Some of the standards that precipitated the closure of the 21 schools include; lack of a licence, poor hygiene, poor structures, lack of a



Ordered. One of the schools under the jurisdiction of KCCA. The authority has ordered closure of some private city schools over standards. FILE PHOTO

“...the status quo has been maintained and the 21 schools should therefore not be allowed to open for first term 2018,”

MR AMBROSE ATWOKO, KCCA ACTING DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

pit-latrine, lack of trained teachers and a school compound.

However, we visited at least five schools out of the 21 closed schools

but they denied receipt of the directive, saying they were still waiting for an official communication from KCCA since they had made some improvements.

For instance, at Lawrie Park Primary School in Bwaise, Kawempe Division, the mood of both teachers and pupils turned pensive, making frantic movements around the school.

The teachers said they would speak to their director so that he

engages KCCA officials.

"This is totally unfair because not all children can afford the exorbitant fees charged by some schools around. These children you see are from humble families and our school has been charging affordable fees. Where will they now go?" asked Ms Aidah Nalwoga, a teacher.

At Kiti Muslim Primary School in Kisenyi, Kampala Central Division, the mood was not any different as teachers became crestfallen, with their eyes blinking with disappointment.

Ms Saudha Nakakande, one of the teachers, said they will plead with KCCA to grant them more time. "We thought KCCA would give us more time because the requirements are many. The closure of the schools is a violation of a right to education," she said.

The closure follows a notice issued last month, recommending the closure of 48 city schools in Kampala whose standards were found lacking.

However, out of the 48 schools, which had been recommended for closure, only 27 complied while 21 did not, prompting their closure.

For instance, Banda Moslem Primary School was closed because it didn't have structures while Kaishalom Primary School in Rubaga was closed due to over flooding.

SOME CLOSED SCHOOLS

Makindye Division

Little Arms School

Ebenezer Nursery School

Viannet Junior School

Kampala Central Division

Central Standard Nursery School

Kiti Muslim Nursery School

Kampala Students Centre

Hosanna Nursery School

Nakawa Division

Nsimbe Primary School

Victory primary school

Ibun Abas Primary School

Classic Primary School

Kigoowa Glorious Primary School

Daniel Memorial primary school

Banda Moslem Primary School

Rubaga Division

Kaishalom Community Primary School

Greenland Home Primary School

Kawempe Division

Jack and Jill Nursery Primary School

Wandegeya Dynamic Junior school

Bwaise Baptist S.S Kanyanya

Lawrie Park Nursery and Primary School

Blessed Nursery School

Greenland Home Islamic primary school was closed because it didn't have enough land, which authorities say, is risky since the school can't expand.