

COMMENT

quote of the day

Busiki MP Paul Akamba on
 "In some instances, patients are..."

EDITORIAL

Regulate school standards

Students from 48 schools within Kampala will not be reporting to continue with their education when the first term opens following a recommendation by Kampala Capital City Authority to have them closed. According to KCCA, these do not meet the basic requirements and minimum standards as per the specifications of the Ministry of Education and Sports. The Education Act 2008, section 36 (4) provides for closure of schools where safety, health and security of learners is at stake.

This is only a small fraction of schools that continue to operate despite having wanting standards, not only in Kampala but in various parts of Uganda. This action is commendable and should be emulated in different parts of the country. Many substandard schools are characterised by dilapidated infrastructure that is unsafe for children, some lack sanitation facilities or have those in poor state. In Lulongo Primary School in Mubende District, for instance, female pupils forced to share latrines with male pupils, abandoned classes.

The issue:
 Quality education
Our view:
 As the new school year begins in a few weeks, focus must be put on quality control by the directorate of education and social services whose mandate is to ensure quality of these learning institutions is commendable.



Sensitisation of parents is also critical. Although many parents are driven to take their children to such schools due to poverty, the ministry needs to create awareness of the dangers of exposing children to such an education and provide workable solutions.

Education is a key service in society, the standards therefore need to be upheld at all levels.

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While Great Britain is exporting the Anglican of the Christian faith through the Church Missionary members, who evangelised Uganda from June 1877, it is surprising country now taking the lead in the Christian faith becomes excluding legislation and promoting secular humanistic view that is religion out of the public square.

A catalogue of legal battles raging in British courts mainly Christians, who have considered it illegal to hold Christian views and to faith while being professionals fields. The most recent intrigue is one of a Christian high school mathematics teacher, Joshua Sutcliffe has been dragged to court for "derogating" a transgender student. was accused by a girl, who preferred to be referred to as "a boy" for having molested and discriminated against, when the teacher addressed the "well done girls". Sutcliffe was criticised for transphobic behaviour questions the veracity of the new and gender ideology being promoted in the UK. Apparently, earlier on Sutcliffe was summarily asked to disband the club he had begun in the school pretext of not having a register curriculum yet the Lesbian, Bi-Transgender and inter-Sex (LBTI) without register or curriculum, allowed to run.

Another recent bizarre court of Felix Ngele, a black Master's Sociology student, who was dismissed from the University of Sheffield UK for posting on his Facebook