

2019," he added.
Dr Diana Atwine, the permanent

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national examinations for purposes of
improving human resource for health

on this national examination.
He said over examining and
evaluating the medical students will

Muyingo said.
Dr Sabrina Kitaka, a senior lecturer,

KCCA closes 48 schools over standards

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Kampala Capital City Authority (KCCA) has recommended the closure of 48 schools within Kampala that do not meet standards.

The affected schools, according to KCCA, fall short of basic requirements and minimum standards as specified by the Ministry of Education and Sports.

The closure that takes immediate effect has affected nursery, primary and secondary schools.

It comes a few weeks to the beginning of this year's school term.

According to a communiqué by Peter Kauju, the KCCA spokesperson, the schools that face closure, did not only fail to comply with the required standards, but also continued to operate without licences.

"Management has approved the closure of 48 schools which fall short of the basic requirements and minimum standards as specified by MoES.

"The schools were found to



Peter Kauju

have dilapidated and unsafe infrastructure, inadequate sanitation facilities and untrained teachers, in addition to operating without a licence," the communiqué reads.

Quoting section of 36 (4) of the Education Act, 2008, KCCA said in the statement that school owners are required to comply with the closure notice and "shall not re-open the education institution without the express permission in writing from the permanent

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secretary, chief administrative officer or town clerk".

KCCA, through the directorate of education and social services, performs the quality assurance functions, through school inspection and monitoring.

Through these processes, the Education Act, 2008 under section 36(4) provides for closure of schools where safety, health and security of learners is at stake.

Efforts to get comments from some of the schools were futile

as their known contacts went unanswered.

Patrick Kaboyo, the national secretary of the Federation of Non-State Education Institutions, said the closure of schools should come as a last resort and should not impede local investment.

"Although we support regulation, we are against closure. The spirit should not be to suffocate or curtail the schools, but to hold continuous engagements that focus on improving standards," Kaboyo said.

In line with the closure of the schools, Kaboyo said the federation has organised a national level meeting next week, to discuss the matter.

Mary Josephine Nabuyungo, the Uganda National Teachers Union chairperson in Mukono district, supports the closure, saying it is unfair for parents and children going to schools that do not meet required standards.

"These children will be cheated and the teachers, too, will not have standard facilities to enable them work in a conducive environment."

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