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FEES GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOLS IN KENYA

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Following the appointment and submission of the Dr.Kilemi Mwiria's Taskforce Report on Secondary school fees in Kenya that was a result of concerns raised by His Excellency the President and the general public on the high cost of secondary education, the next phase of this exercise was to implement the recommendations of the report. Amongst the key recommendations were:

- 1) The rationalization and downsizing of bloated non- teaching staff workforces in secondary schools.
- 2) The removal of the responsibility of developing infrastructure from parents to CDF and County governments.
- 3) The merging of non-viable and uneconomical schools to free the otherwise thinly spread teaching force.
- 4) The redistribution of teachers by TSC throughout the country.
- 5) The employment of adequate teaching staff for all schools thereby removing the burden of salaries of BOM/PTA from parents.
- 6) Subsidizing the cost of electricity and water consumed in schools as is done in special economic zones.

The taskforce recommendations on realistic unit cost of secondary education provided for **KES.23,973** for Day Schools, **KES 51,839** for Boarding Schools and **KES.55, 435** for special needs secondary schools. This was dependent on full implementation of the preceding recommendations. These recommendations were arrived at following wide ranging stakeholder consultations that culminated in the national stakeholders' forum on 28th and 29th April 2014 at the Kenya Education Management Institute.

At the national forum, all counties in country were clustered as follows:

Table 1: Counties per Cluster

Cluster	Counties
1	Baringo, Elgeyo/Marakwet,Taita/Taveta,West Pokot,Tana River
2	Bomet, Kericho, Nyamira, Kisii, Uasin Gishu & Nandi Counties.
3	Turkana, Wajir, Mandera, Kilifi, Kwale, Marsabit, Samburu, Garissa, Lamu
4	Siaya, Homabay, Migori, Busia ,Bungoma, Kakamega, Vihiga
5	Narok, Murang'a, Nyandarua, Laikipia, Machakos, Kitui, Kajiado, Makueni
6	Mombasa, Nairobi, Kisumu, Nakuru, Kiambu
7	Embu, Kirinyaga, Tharaka Nithi, Meru, Isiolo, Trans Nzoia, Nyeri

Table 2: Proposed Fees per Cluster

	Cluster 1		Cluster 2		Cluster 3		Cluster 4		Cluster 5		Cluster 6		Cluster 7	
	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding	Day	Boarding
TUITION	10000	10000	6850	6850	7200	7200	7000	7000	6136	6323	6624	6624	6428	7481
BES	0	27000	0	24500	0	20255	0	24000	0	22370	0	23983	0	23204
RMI	1000	1000	1600	1600	514	843	1600	2350	1025	1412	736	1472	600	1185
LT&T	1800	1800	2100	2100	783	1542	1600	2480	1350	1518	736	1656	845	1542
ADM COSTS	2000	2000	1800	1800	1066	1236	1350	2150	1063	1602	920	1564	836	1142
EWC	1800	2500	2000	2000	1142	2464	1520	3000	1313	2325	920	3680	1097	2482
ACTIVITY FEES	3000	3000	1550	1550	2085	2171	2400	2400	1675	2000	1104	1104	1490	1885
P.EMOL.	7000	7000	7200	7200	5522	7960	7570	8840	5078	5208	7296	12343	3654	5064
MEDICAL	1000	1000	550	550	500	617	985	1200	550	800	552	736	230	528
student Insurance	0	0	50	50	0	0	0	0	0	0			0	0
SMASSE	0	0	0	0	200	200	300	300	0	0	300	600	200	200
Lunch	9000	0	9500		8985	0	10000	0	8813	0	9000	0	8700	0
PA (*BOM Teachers / Prize giving	0	0	1000	1000	0	0	2500	2500	638	1250	6000	6000	0	0
Educ. Improvt.	0	0	4000	4000	0	0	0	0	250	400			0	0
PA Teachers	0	0	1200	1200	0	0	0	0	3775	3950			0	0
Development	3000	3000	2500	2500	2500	2500	3700	3700	3000	3250			3214	3214
Student ID uniform	0	0	150	150	0	0	0	0	0	0	200	200	0	0
	0	0	4200	4200	0	0	0	0	0	0			6600	6600
Caution Money	500	500	500	500	0	0	500	500	438	438	500	500	500	500
Equipment Insurance	0	0	1000	1000	0	0	1250	1250	388	500	1000	1000	442	442
ICT/Comp	500	500	850	850	0	0	0	0	588	738	500	500	500	500
CEB	0	0	160	160	0	0	1000	1000	0	0	200	200	0	0
Security	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	381	1000	1000	0	0
TOTAL	40600	59300	48760	63760	30497	46988	43275	62670	36080	54465	37588	63161	35336	55969

Table 3: Cluster Summaries

Cluster	Day School (KES.)	Boarding School (KES.)
1	40,600	59,300
2	48,760	63,760
3	30,497	46,988
4	43,275	62,670
5	36,080	54,465
6	37,588	63,161
7	35,336	55,969
Total	272,136	406,313
Average	38,876	58,044

From the above table, the average fees for day and boarding schools were **KES.38,876** and **KES.58,044** respectively without the stated interventions.

The Ministry issued a circular on secondary school management guidelines on 24th November 2014 to all Schools to implement some of the non-financial recommendations with effect from January 2015. However, as at the beginning of the 2015, the recommended fees by the taskforce had not been fully implemented due to ongoing consultations within government.

Consultations within government are now complete. It has accordingly been decided that the fees structure for public secondary schools shall be as follows:

Table 4: Fees structure for secondary schools

Voteheads	Sub County/ Day Schools (KES)	National, Extra County & County Boarding (KES)	Special Needs
Teaching Learning Materials	4,792	4,792	9,067
BES and Meals/L	0	32,385	32,385
Repairs, Maintenance & Improvement.	1,886	3,192	2,422
Local Travel and Transport	1,833	2,421	2,144
Administration Costs	1,572	3,316	1,900
EWC	3,151	7,802	4,047
Medical	689	786	1,614
Activity Fees	1,256	1,398	1,462
Personal Emolument	5,755	8,672	13,155
Approved PTA Development. Projects	0	0	0
Insurance (Medical & Property)	1,310	1,660	1,614
Total School Fees	22,244	66,424	69,810
Less GOK Subsidy	12,870	12,870	32,600
Total Fees Less Government Funding	9,374	53,553	37,210

The maximum cost of day schooling is **KES. 22,244** while that of boarding schools stands at **KES.66,424** and **KES.69,810** for special needs secondary schools —an increase of 31% over and above the taskforce recommended fees structure. This takes cognizance of the fact that teacher redistribution and employment, rationalization of non- teaching staff, merger of uneconomical schools and implementation of the proposed subsidies are yet to be effected.

With the government capitation of KES.12,870 for regular schools and KES.32,600 for special needs schools, the maximum payable fees by parents shall be KES. 9,374 for day schools KES.53,553 for boarding schools and KES.37,210 for special needs schools. The government will meet the full cost of examination for KCSE and has already paid for the 2015 candidates in public secondary schools.

Schools shall spread these fees into the three school terms at the ratio of **50:30:20**. The government appreciates schools that have been levying fees below these ceilings and urges them to continue with that trend.

I want to state that it is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that their children attend school and meet their parental obligations including paying any approved levies as provided for at section 29 (2) (b) of the Basic Education Act 2013.

In coming up with the above fees structure, it should be noted that certain non-essential vote heads such as teacher motivation, education improvement, county education levies, among others have been discontinued with immediate effect.

Levies for on-going **approved infrastructure and school transport projects** will continue for the current forms 2,3 and 4 students until the lapse of the said projects and as such will **NOT** be levied on 2015 form one students. All future infrastructural projects will be undertaken through CDF or any other government financing mechanisms.

The Government will progressively review the Free Day Secondary Education capitation taking into account changes in cost of living. Any variation of school fees shall therefore be guided by the Cabinet Secretary from time to time and gazetted accordingly.

These guidelines will be gazetted in due course and supersede any other and **take effect from January 5th, 2015.**

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