Petitions and 2013

ABOUTION OF CLASS 8 EXAMINATION FEES AND INTRODUCTION OF FREE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME FOR ALL PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS

THIRD SCHEDULE

GENERAL FORM OF A PUBLIC PETITION (STANDING ORDER 223)

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We, the is a signed residents of Kiharu within Murang'a County do hereby draw he attend in of the house to the following,

- 1. Kenya's Free Primary Education Policy (FPE), which was implemented in January 2003, opened up opportunities for disadvantaged and marginalized pupils who had never enrolled in school or had dropped out because they simply could not afford the costs. The constitution, 2010 and Basic Education Act, 2013 were enacted and grounded FPE into the law.
- 2. Despite the elimination of primary school fees in Kenya, many children still cannot afford to go, because of associated costs such as lunch programme fees, transportation and uniforms. In order to achieve universal primary education one of the UN Millennium Development Goals ways must be found to overcome these impediments. Kenya must move towards total abolition of all fees so as to guarantee universal free primary education.
- 3. Launched by the Minister of Education on 6th January 2003, FPE is a response to World Conference on Education for all held in Jomtien, Thailand in 1990 and the World Education Forum held in Dakar, Senegal in 2000. The Government of Kenya, having accepted and signed the recommendations of these two international conferences on increasing access to education, considers attainment of Universal Primary Education as a critical component of the national Development Strategy.
- 4. THE FPE policy does not bar the introduction of some form of fees. Extra charges for initiatives like school feeding programmes must however first be discussed with parents who can vote on such a matter. In such instances, if the very poor are a minority and those able to pay a majority, minority will lose out and fees imposed.
- 5. That though section 29(2) (b) of Basic Education Act,2013 provides "that other charges may be imposed at a public school with the approval of the Cabinet Secretary in consultation with the county education Board provided that no child shall be refused to attend school because of failure to pay such charges", no action is usually taken against teachers violating this law and thus many pupils are usually sent home for non-payment of imposed fees.
- 6. Parents from poor backgrounds are usually unable to pay for lunch where such fees have been imposed and also standard 8 examination charges. Standard 8 examination registration fees is Ksh 800.According to the Kenya National Examination Council press release entitled PRESS STATEMENT ON REGISTRATION OF THE 2013 AND 2014 KCPE AND CANDIDATES, by the close of registration on 31st March 2013,844,330 pupils had registered for KCPE exam. Assuming pupils from public institutions were 700,000, if the government was to pay the exam on behalf of the parents ,it would pay Ksh 560M-which is a minimal sum taking into account its impact.

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- 7 In schools where there is no fees imposed to cater for school feeding programme, pupils from poor background who do not afford lunch in school are unable to concentrate in class thus score poorly In schools where such a programme is there, poor pupils who cannot afford to pay for lunch further suffer feelings of low self esteem
- 8 Kenya has an average 6M pupils in its public primary schools and assuming an allocation of Ksh 100 per pupil daily for the 270 schooling days in a year would suffice, government intervention would be ksh 16 2B
- 9. If the government was to provide free school feeding programme in all public schools and also pay standard 8 examination fees, benefits would be
 - Education school feeding increases enrolment and attendance and can help children learn more effectively
 - Nutrition: the school meal is often the only nutritious meal a child gets on a regular basis. It can fight malnutration and a lack of essential micronutrients that can curb development
 - Health School meals provides a platform for directly addressing child health for example through deworming schemes. It can also be a platform for other health interventions
 - Social protection: School meals acts as safety for the household, helping families to educate their children and protect their food security in times of crisis
 - Local agricultural production: Using locally sourced food means school feeding programmes benefit not only children, but also farmers, communities and rural economies
- 10 THAT, we hereby confirm that efforts in terms of letters addressed to the relevant ministries and oral representations to the concerned parties have been made to have the matter addressed and they failed to give any response.
- 11 **THAT**, we hereby confirm that the issues in respect of which the petition is made are not pending before any court of law or constitutional or legal body

YOUR PETITIONERS THEREFORE HUMBLY PRAYS THAT THIS HOUSE:

a) To revise Ministry of education's budget and or compel and or cause the Ministry of education to provide funds in its budget for the free school feeding programme for all public primary school pupils in Kenya and payment on behalf of all standard 8 public primary schools pupils of Kenya National Examination Council's final examination registration fees (Kenya Certificate of Primary Education level)

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Dear Sir,

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REF: WITHDRAWAL OF THE PETITION ON THE ICC

Acting on instructions of the petitioners, I hereby withdraw the petition presented to your office entitled "recall of the Icc cases on Kenyans".

Please therefore do not have it tabled before the house instead, cause the soonest tabling of the annexed petition entitled ABOLITION OF CLASS 8 EXAMINATION FEES AND INTRODUCTION OF FREE SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME FOR ALL PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL PUPILS.

Thanks.

Much regards,

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