

## COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF KISUMU



### COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF KISUMU

#### **THE HANSARD**

#### SECOND ASSEMBLY – FOURTH SESSION

Wednesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October, 2020

House met in the Main Chamber at 02:30 p.m.

(The Temporary Speaker (Hon. Caren Muga) in the Chair)

#### **PRAYERS**

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Good afternoon Honourable Members. Mr. Clerk, can you please take us through the business of the day.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next order!

#### **MOTION**

ECD, ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING COMMITTEE REPORT ON  
THE DISBURSEMENT OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES FUND FOR THE FY  
2018/2019 AND FY 2019/2020

BY

HON. DAVID ARAO

CHAIRPERSON, ECD, ADULT EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL TRAINING  
COMMITTEE

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Judith Ogaga?

**Hon. Ogaga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to move this motion on behalf of Hon. David Arao.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Proceed.

#### PREAMBLE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, pursuant to Article 185 (3) and Section 8 of the County Governments Act, 2012 read in tandem with Standing Order No. 193 of the Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders, in the meeting of the ECD, Adult Education and vocational Training Committee on 11<sup>th</sup> JUNE, 2020 in the Minute No. CAK/ECD/08/06/2020, the members of the Committee resolved that the CEC Member for Finance and CEC Member for Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development be invited to appear before the committee on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to provide clarity on the status of the disbursement of the county bursaries, scholarships and TVET Funds for the Financial Year 2019/2020 and the whereabouts of the appropriated money for the Financial Year 2018/2019.

Consequently the Office of the Clerk, issued a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to CEC Member for Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development and CEC Member for Finance inviting them to appear before the committee on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

#### MANDATE/LEGAL FRAMEWORK

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training derives its mandates from County Assembly Standing Orders No. 193 (5) (a) of the second scheduled of Kisumu County Assembly Standing Orders.

The committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training shall investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management activities, administration, operations and estimates of the assigned departments

#### MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training as currently constituted comprises of the following Members:-

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| 1. Hon. Pst. David Arao   | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Judith Ogaga      | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Kenneth Onyango   | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. George Abaja      | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Inviolet Adhiambo | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Pamela Beatrice   | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. George Olwal      | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Consolata Ollows  | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Gard Olima        | - | Member           |

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| 10. Hon. Maurice Ngeta   | - | Member |
| 11. Hon. Beatrice Odongo | - | Member |
| 12. Hon. Rashid Miruka   | - | Member |
| 13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok  | - | Member |
| 14. Hon. Ken Ooko        | - | Member |
| 15. Hon. Joseph Olale    | - | Member |

#### Secretariat

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| 1. Mr. Benard Abuodha  | - | Committee clerk  |
| 2. Ms. Roseline Awuor. | - | Secretariat      |
| 3. Mr. Fanuel Okode    | - | Hansard          |
| 4. Mr. William Ogada   | - | Serjeant-at-Arms |
| 5. Mr. Domnic Muinde   | - | Legal            |

#### Sittings of the Committee

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the Committee held two sittings. In its initial sitting, to inquire on the position of the Education Department with the bursaries and scholarship disbursement for the FY 2019/2020 and TVET funds for FY 2018/2019. In the second sitting, the committee agreed to invite the departments to furnish it with the detailed information of the same.

The Department of Education and Department of Finance honored the Committee's invitation and appeared before the Committee on Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 10:00 am. The members of the committee who were present were as follows;

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| 1. Hon. Pst. David Arao    | - | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Judith Ogaga       | - | Vice Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Kenneth Onyango    | - | Member           |
| 4. Hon. George Abaja       | - | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Inviolata Adhiambo | - | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Pamela Beatrice    | - | Member           |
| 7. Hon. George Olwal       | - | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Consolata Ollows   | - | Member           |
| 9. Hon. Gard Olima         | - | Member           |
| 10. Hon. Maurice Ngeta     | - | Member           |
| 11. Hon. Beatrice Odongo   | - | Member           |
| 12. Hon. Rashid Miruka     | - | Member           |
| 13. Hon. Philemon Ojuok    | - | Member           |
| 14. Hon. Ken Ooko          | - | Member           |
| 15. Hon. Joseph Olale      | - | Member           |

The in attendance were;

1. Hon. John Atieno, MCA Kobura Ward.
2. Hon. Oiko Pete, MCA Kabonyo/Kanyagwal Ward

3. Hon. Pamela Odhiambo, MCA Manyatta B Ward
4. Hon. Samson Ameso, MCA North Seme Ward.
5. Hon. Julius Genga, MCA Muhoroni/Koru Ward.
6. CEC Member for Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development and his team.
7. CEC Member for Finance and Economic Planning and his team.

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Mr. Speaker Sir and Hon. Members, it is my pleasure to inform the house that due to the emergence of COVID-19 pandemic which has actually changed our way of doing business, the committee observed the health regulations such as; social distancing, wearing of masks, sanitization and washing of hands (Meeting Place), during our proceedings.

May I take this opportunity to thank all Members of the Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training and the secretariat for their input and valuable contributions during the deliberations and meeting with members of the executive, the Committee also takes this opportunity to thank the Offices of the Speaker and Office of the Clerk, of the County Assembly of Kisumu for their support during the exercise.

On behalf of the Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training and pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 193 (5) (a), it is my duty and privilege to present to the County Assembly, the Committee's Report of the Meeting of the Committee on ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training with the Department of Education, ICT And Human Capacity Development and Department of Finance and Economic Panning.

#### INVITATION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, pursuant to Standing order No. 174, .of Kisumu Assembly Standing Orders. The Office of the Clerk, issued a letter dated 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 to CEC Member for Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development and CEC Member for Finance, inviting them to appear before the committee on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 (Annexure I).

#### COMMITTEE FINDINGS

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, the ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee meeting held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June , 2020 at 10:00 am in the Assembly chambers, Members discussed and resolved that a letter of invitation be written to the CEC Member for Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development department and CEC Member for finance to give clarity on the response, the department of the Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development gave earlier in regard to response to the statement raised on the floor of the House on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> may, 2020 in accordance with Standing Order No. 41 (2) (b) during statement hour by Hon. George Ogutu, MCA West Nyakach Ward, sought to the committee requiring the chairperson for the committee; Hon. David Arao to make a reply on behalf of the committee.

The committee invited the CEC Member for Education, ICT and Capacity Development and CEC Member for finance to appear before it on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 9:30 am in the assembly chambers to furnish it with clarification on the following:

- a) Why disbursement for sponsored students for the year 2018/2019 had not been made especially in the Wards' Vocational Training Institutions like Obange West Nyakach, Masogo in Nyang'oma, Mariwa in North Seme and other TVET institutions in Kisumu County.
- b) Why the disbursement for TVET students for the financial year 2019/2020 had been reduced and the cause of the delay with the list of beneficiaries.
- c) What measures the department had put in place to mitigate the challenges being experienced.
- d) The whereabouts of the appropriation money for the FY 2018/2019 and why it had not been disbursed.
- e) When the bursary money for F/Y 2019/2020 was to be disbursed.
- f) Reasons why monies for the financial year 2019/2020 were wired to a different account from TVET individual accounts.

The committee held a meeting with the department of Education, ICT and Capacity Building and department for Finance on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2020 at 9:30 am in the assembly chambers.

#### Department Of Education

The department of education provided the following submissions to the committee. (Annexure II).

- 1) Disbursement for sponsored students for the financial year 2018/2019

The process for the payment was done by the department of Education in the month of June 2019 to the county treasury for actualization; however actual payment was not made due to late disbursement of funds from the National Treasury section.

- 2) Reasons for the reduction of disbursement for TVET students for the financial year 2019/2020

This was as a result of the increased number of enrolment of the students from 547 students to 700 students. The allocation of Kshs. 14,999,600 was maintained and shared among the 700 beneficiaries.

- 3) Measures the department had put in place to mitigate the challenges caused.

The pending bills files had been retrieved and the department was following the payment with the treasury.

- 4) The whereabouts of the appropriation money for the FY 2018/2019  
The money was available and awaiting the finance department to make disbursement to the institutions.
- 5) When the bursary money for FY 2019/2020 will be disbursed.

Education department had prepared all the documents for the beneficiaries of 2019/2020 and forwarded to the finance department for the funds to be released.

- 6) Reasons why money for the financial year 2019/2020 was wired to different account from TVET individual accounts.

The money went to TVET national Grant account which was default in the IFMIS system, hence automatically captured. It had since been rectified and the money transferred to county Grant account.

The department also assured the committee that, it was to provide the list of beneficiaries with their respective wards by Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020.

He also explained that bursaries are not paid in installment, they are paid once.

The list of the beneficiaries for 2019/2020 which was already with the department was to be maintained. He added that there was no challenge for the scholarships if the students were to remain in their current classes unless double intake occurs in 2020 in which cabinet would discuss and advice on the way forward.

The department to use the budget of FY 2020/2021 to finance the bursaries and scholarships for FY 2019/2020.

The Education department made a requisition of Kshs. 102,500,000 for bursaries and scholarships being half of the approved budget allocated for financial year 2020/2021 of the funds to fund disburse to the beneficiaries. (Annexures IV)

## 2.2 Department Of Finance

Controller of the budget informed the committee that the department of Finance had made a request for the first installment by September 2019 worth Kshs. 100 million for June- March. The request was never approved due to high costs that were involved.

In January 2020, the department made a second request for a total of Kshs. 205 million owing to the fact that the first installment had not been made by then.

He also informed the meeting that there was a problem with the cash flow from the national government to the counties which caused delay.

He informed the committee that they had received the disbursement for the first installment and the county was in the waiting list of the second disbursement.

CEC Member for Finance informed the committee that the Cabinet Executive Members resolved that the 2<sup>nd</sup> term and the 3<sup>rd</sup> term for the year 2020 when schools were closed due to Covid-19

Pandemic, the bursaries and Scholarships were not payable. He further advised that the Members could engage the Cabinet Further for more clarity. He further informed the members those funds for term one would be paid when schools resume as per direction of the Ministry of Health.

#### OSERVATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Honourable Members, the following observations were made.

- I) The department wanted to use budget for FY 2020/2021 to finance the FY 2019/2020 Education budget.
- II) The department of Education was made up of new staffs. Most of them came in when the documents for Bursaries and Scholarships had been prepared.
- III) The County Cabinet resolved not to pay Bursaries and Scholarships for 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 2020 when Schools remained closed due to Covid-19 pandemic.
- IV) There was a problem of cash flow from the National Government to Country Governments.
- V) The TVET funds for FY 2019/2020 were paid and for FY 2018/2019 were not paid. The Funds for FY 2018/2019 went to pending bills.
- VI) The department of Education had been taking a lot of time to release funds to the learning institutions.

#### 4.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members, following the consideration of the discussion, the committee recommends;

- i) That the department must give clear information to the Committee where Education funds for FY 2019/2020 are, as the money was appropriated in the Budget in that Financial Year.
- ii) That the bursaries and scholarships funds for FY 2019/2020 be released immediately to the beneficiaries.
- iii) That the department of Education, ICT and Human Capacity Development and Department of Finance to work together to ensure that Education Funds are always released in time. The committee advised the two departments to always start preparations of the necessary documents early enough, this would enable funds be released in time to avoid delays which have been experienced in the past.



- iv) That the department of Education must timely provide reports to the committee on the progress of the department concerning status of Bursaries and Scholarship Funds. This would enable the committee to update the house on the progress of the department.
- v) That the department to release TVET funds for FY 2018/2019 immediately and provide the committee with detailed information on how the money will be sent to the respective institutions.
- vi) That the list of beneficiaries from Muhoroni/ Koru Ward and Ombeyi Ward to be processed and be included when disbursement for the beneficiaries of financial Year 2019/2020 are being made by the department.
- vii) That the department of Education must not to allow education funds to go into pending bills as was experienced in the FY 2018/2019 where TVET funds went into pending bills.

#### CONCLUSION

Mr. Speaker and Hon. Members,

Following the above findings, the committee members concluded that the Department of Finance must work together with the Department of Education to create efficiency in the department of education.

Bursaries and Scholarships are meant to cushion needy students in the County; the Department therefore should always release Education funds to the beneficiaries in time to allow learners be in School as required.

The committee resolved that Education funds when appropriated in the County Budget must always be paid in time to avoid going into Pending Bills.

Once again Mr. Speaker, allow me send my sincere gratitude to everyone who came together to make this entire exercise a success. May I request Hon. Philemon Ojuok to second?

**Ojuok:** Thank you Madam Speaker. I stand to second the report.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. The ECD, Adult Education and Vocational Training Committee report on the Disbursement of Scholarships and Bursaries Funds for the FY



2018/2019 and FY 2019/2020 has been moved and seconded by Hon. Judith Ogaga and Hon. Philemon Ojuok respectively. I now want open it for discussion.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Yes, Hon. George Ogutu of West Nyakach.

**Hon. Ogutu:** Thank you Madam Speaker for the chance to ventilate on this Motion. Madam Speaker, I have heard Hon. Ogaga read through this Report. However, I noted some areas with a lot of concern. I know Members are aware that this Statement was raised on 26<sup>th</sup> May, 2020. Madam Speaker, my biggest concern is not when the Statement was raised but the students of Kisumu County. Most of the questions raised in the Statement have not been satisfactorily answered.

Madam Speaker, page eight of the Report talks about reasons for reduction of disbursement of fees to TVET students for the FY 2019/2020. Madam Speaker, when this Report was brought before the House for the first time, we clearly pointed out on this issue. There reason indicated here is the issue of increment. Madam Speaker, each Ward was given 20 (twenty) students. Therefore, the second reason cited is incorrect.

Madam Speaker, I have a TVET in my Ward and we were given 25 (twenty-five) students the previous year. They have now been reduced to 20. You cannot convince me on the reasons cited for this reduction of number. We should clearly be told why the bursary amount and the number of students were reduced. The committee should tell us whether we have ghost students in Kisumu County because you cannot talk of increased number of students while we can clearly see the numbers have been reduced. It is known that the number taken by TVET were reduced.

Madam Speaker, this is a serious concern which should be noted because, I believe that, there could be a big scam in the whole of this matter. If you carefully read the document, you will find that the money has been increased. The question is: where is this money taken? I believe the Education Committee should have come with clear answers to the questions raised. In the first Report submitted to this Assembly by the said committee, we exhaustively discussed this area. Madam Speaker, we are kindly seeking for answers from this Department and by extension the Committee; why was the number students reduced?

Madam Speaker, response number five concerns when the bursary for FY 2019/2020 will be disbursed. This has been a problem and Members know that some students in the Universities are almost clearing yet they applied for the same bursary. Last week, I got a call from one of the students asking for the bursary they had applied for.

Madam Speaker, I believe that it should have come out clearly why the bursary fund has not been released to the beneficiaries. Madam Speaker, I am worried because I do not know what we will do with these funds being that these students have already cleared. According to their report, they claim that COVID-19 pandemic was the hindrance to the release of these funds to the respective beneficiaries. We are all aware that some students have already gone back to school

and have been instructed to have fees balances full cleared yet, others have been depending on these bursaries. It is quite shameful if the reason presented by the committee that is preventing these students to settle in is an excuse of the COVID-19 pandemic. Our children in Kisumu County are subjected to suffering as they are often sent back home to collect fees as soon as they resume school, and majorly due to delayed bursaries.

Consequently, we are informed that the money was wired to TVET's National Grant Account and this brings us back to the question of the function of this account; the TVET National Grant Account is used by the national government to send money to the County TVET institutions and it has never lacked money in it. We would therefore like to know whether someone has been playing cat and mouse game with money belonging to Kisumu County TVETs because at the time, the money hadn't reached the intended institutions. Somebody should therefore not tell us that the money was wired to the TVET National Grant Account because it is not the responsibility of the County government to do so but the National government's responsibility. Madam Speaker and Hon. Members, you are all aware that the national government gives TVET money annually, and that's why we want to know where the allocation for Kisumu County went to in order for the Assembly to pursue this matter in case there was some form of mischief.

Madam Speaker, the committee has great observations but what is the next move after these observations? We know that the remaining classes will join the other in school probably this or the coming month and it breaks my heart to know that most of them cannot afford school fees and solely depending on the bursary whose release still is a menace. What then is going to be the fate of these children? It is high time the committee reasoned with the people of Kisumu County because Education is a crucial sector, which would greatly influence our Governor's re-election for a second term in office.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): One minute to go Hon. Ogotu.

**Hon. Ogotu:** I would have said much Madam Speaker but you have limited me as you should. Nevertheless, thank you for giving me that opportunity.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you. Yes Hon. Roy Samo.

**Hon. Samo:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Allow me to give my thought on this report that has been put forward by the committee and presented by Hon. Judith Ogaga. In agree with the sentiments of Hon. George Ogotu that the issue of bursaries is a thorn in our flesh. We carry the weight of the entire ward and when learners are getting back to school, they turn to the MCA. Quite a number of them who have reported back to school are looking up to us to provide the bursaries. I urge the committee to have specifics. For example if the money is there, when will it be released? That makes the recommendations more binding. On the issue of TVETS, I remember last time we took 25 students from our ward to Akado Polytechnic. Within a short

time, there was no money. As I support the report, let this matter be handled. Thank you Madam Speaker.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Samo.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Hon. Chief Whip.

**Chief Whip** (Hon. Misachi): Thank you Madam Speaker. I also wish to add my voice to this report. The committee did their research but missed tangible information that could have helped the House. Taking into account the fact that most officials of the Education Department, including the CEC Member were sent home, I would urge the committee of Education, ICT and Human Resource Development to sit down with the new officials of the Department to take them through the whole journey of the bursaries. In the first Assembly, about Ksh100 million was misappropriated in the Education Department. This time round, the bursary which could have been given by December last year is yet to come to fruition, one year later. They are just saying that this will be disbursed without giving tangible dates for us to know and inform beneficiaries from our wards. The more thorny issue is the Scholarships. Learners were just sent to schools with letters. A year after the letters were written, money has not been taken to the schools. We are doing a disservice to the students and to the parents. Now they are hanging on COVID-19 which broke out in March. If they were to disburse the Bursary and Scholarship Funds, they would have done so by January last year. I want to plead with the House to ask the Committee of Education to look at the matter again and find out the specifics on when the money will be disbursed to learners. Although I commend them for a detailed report with good findings and recommendations, let them dig deeper into this matter. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you Majority Whip. It seems that Hon. Members are satisfied, Hon. Florence Olang'o, what are you saying?

*(Loud consultations)*

**Hon. Florence:** Thank you Madam Speaker. Going by the mood of the House, may I call upon the mover to reply?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Mover please can you reply? But, when you are replying, kindly clarify for Hon. Members if it is true that the number of beneficiaries were reduced from twenty five to twenty. On the same note, is it true that Kshs 100 million was misappropriated? That led to the staff members who were working at the Executive on the Department of Education to be sent home. Last but not least, can you also let them know when the students are going to get their cheques? React only to the ones you are able to answer as you are giving out your speech.

**Hon. Ogaga:** Thank you Madam Speaker. First, I want to thank Hon. Members for taking their time and positively airing their views on this report. Secondly, I would like to briefly respond to the following issues.

Madam Speaker, please let me first start with the reduction of the number of students beneficiaries from twenty five to twenty per ward. We even requested for the list. We wanted to ensure that this happened and what lead to the reduction of money allocated per student. However, we were given a list of students but we are still looking for more information. The information that we have are not quite satisfying. To some extent we saw that there were reductions of money allocated to students from certain wards while in some wards, it was not very clear. We still made a request that we need clarity and I would like to inform the House that we are still working on that.

Madam speaker I cannot talk about Kshs 100 million that was misappropriated, which is said to have led to sending home of the staffs. That is because it was not part of the statement that was sought. So, we as Committee members we never tackled that but instead only concentrated on what the statement sought. That is; the bursaries and TVET funding.

Madam Speaker it is so sad that our students went back to school without the bursaries being paid yet most of our students are from vulnerable families. As a Committee, we have already done a letter and I would like to inform Hon. Members that most of the cases here are going to be handled carefully.

However, it is also very challenging because severally we have invited the two departments to come and give us information and clarity but they have never done it satisfactorily. Whenever we want documents or information, it takes ages before we get them. So, it also makes work a bit difficult for the Committee.

Nonetheless, we are not giving up because we have invited the two departments to appear before us again next week on Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup>, October, 2020. So that, most of these issues that are not properly explained, we will discuss with them then report back to Hon. Members here.

For instance, even the TVET funds which were wired into the TVET National Grant Account, we have requested the Department to give more clarification and reasons as to why they had to do that yet, it is the role of the National Government to put funds into that account for our youths.

When I move to the observations, we find that recommendations are given on the floor but it is the duty of the Speaker or the Chairperson to give direction on the next step. Therefore, on behalf of the ECD and Vocational Training Committee, I have given out the report as read out plus the observations and recommendations so the next step is then given by Madam Speaker before the House.

Madam Speaker, we were told to that the County Bursaries Committee held a meeting and deliberated about the disbursement of bursaries. They came up with a final list and a schedule on how they are going to release this. As we can also see, the amount they are talking about is Kshs102.5 million which is half of what was allocated. As a Committee we wondered and wrote a letter to the Department again to give clarify on the following; out of the students who applied;

1. The beneficiaries, who are they?
2. What amount are they supposed to get?
3. What about the others?
4. How have they decided that they are going to distribute it?

Madam Speaker, we have also requested that because we were told that the County bursary committee held their meeting, had their deliberations about the disbursement of bursaries and they came up with a final list and a schedule on how they are going to release this because as we can see the amount that we are talking about that is the 102.5 million which is half of what we were allocated. So, we wondered as a committee and that is why we wrote another letter to the Department to let us know that, out of the students applied the beneficiaries. Who are these beneficiaries who are going to benefit from the 102.5 million or when have they decided that they are going to disburse this? We gave them time up to Thursday when they are going to come so that we are fully explained to on how they want to handle this.

Madam Speaker, otherwise we are also very sad because my fellow colleagues have said that all the stress in on us on when the bursaries are going to be paid. All the weight is on the shoulder of the MCAs on when they are going to the wards and because of that the Education Committee is also working very hard; the only challenge is from the Executive end but we hope that we will soon be able to deal with it and ensure that funds are disbursed so that our students are in school and learning continues hoping that the pandemic can also not affect us. Otherwise, I am grateful and seek for you indulgence. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Thank you Hon. Ogaga. I am happy that you have also realized that your work is incomplete. I therefore want to give my ruling. Members are concerned because the students can return to school anytime from now. I therefore want to request you to go and work on this report and make sure to cover the concerns of Members which you have heard and I believe that you have noted. The report should be brought back to the House on the 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020. I hope that is noted?

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): What is it Hon. Ogaga.

**Hon. Ogaga:** You talked of 28<sup>th</sup> October, 2020 that is next week but that is the day that we had written a letter inviting them to come.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): When do you want to bring the report?

**Hon. Ogaga:** On 4<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): That will find when we have proceeded for our short recess which starts on 30<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

**Hon. Ogaga:** Okay. Maybe on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October, 2020.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Noted. Thank you.

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): Next Order!

### ADJOURNMENT

**The Temporary Speaker** (Hon. Muga): There being no any other business to transact, the House stands adjourned to Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2020 at 2.30 p.m.

*(House rose at 3.32 p.m.)*

*Addendum*

**Hansard Reporters**

<i>Zablon Otiende</i>	-	<i>Reporter - In-charge</i>
<i>Patrick Okoyo</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
<i>Edward Odanga</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
<i>Dennis Ogolla</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
<i>Fanuel Okode</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
<i>Jacklyne Otieno</i>	-	<i>Reporter</i>
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