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RE: CONTROL OF FEES AND LEVIES IN FORMAL SCHOOLS, INDEPENDENT COLLEGES AND NON-FORMAL INSTITUTIONS.

The mandate of the Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education is to promote and provide quality and relevant education which is affordable. The affordability of education is largely dependent upon the fees and levies charged by learning institutions. It is noted that fees may be a contributor to inflation which has largely been stable and stands below 5% nationally in the past couple of years.

It is in light of the above that the Ministry has issued a moratorium which effectively freezes fees and levies for 2014. All Responsible Authorities for formal schools, Independent Colleges and other Learning institutions are therefore informed that, for 2014, they will have to charge the last approved fees and levies for either 2013 or earlier. Consequently, no applications for fees/levy increases for 2014 will be entertained. Additionally, no voluntary levies or other unauthorized charges, by whatever name shall be raised on invoices to parents.

Provincial Education Directors are called upon to treat Independent Colleges and other non-formal education institutions like any other educational institutions and ensure that they comply with this policy position.

Let all concerned please be advised of this position accordingly.

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