

**PRESS BRIEFFING BY H.E. THE GOVERNOR,
HON. JOHN O. NYAGARAMA ON WEDNESDAY
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Good afternoon Members of the Press.

I am thankful to you all for responding promptly to my request to hold a press briefing this afternoon.

I have two pleasant issues to address this afternoon. Firstly, the outstanding performance of Nyamira schools in the 2014 examinations and the promotion of tourism in Nyamira.

To begin with, as a County our schools registered an exemplary performance in 2014. Indeed, the number of candidates who scored “A” plain in the 2014 KCSE examination witnessed a tremendous improvement.

Specifically, seven schools performed exemplary well. The schools are led by Nyambaria, Sironga Girls, Nyamira Boys, Kebirigo Boys, Nyakemincha Mixed, Nyansiongo and Nyaikuro Mixed.

Nyambaria led them all with 11 straight A, 68 A- 71 B+, 63 B (plain), 39 B-, 6 C+ and 1C.

Others include:-

S/NO	SCHOOL	A	A-	B+	B	B-	C+	C	C-
1	Nyambaria Boys	11	68	71	63	39	6	1	0
2	Sironga Girls	0	21	58	74	64	16	2	0
3	Nyamira Boys	0	8	11	05	14	07	4	1
4	Kebiringo Boys	0	5	8	17	14	14	3	3
5	Nyakemincha Mixed	0	5	19	16	17	12	4	
6	Nyansiongo Boys	0	3	5	7	24	38	67	40
7	Nyaikuro	0	7	9	36	57	63	14	3

Ladies and Gentlemen, these are no doubt excellent results compared to previous years. As you will have noticed, Nyakemincha now is among the leading schools in performance.

It is very encouraging to note that the quality of grades scored by students, promises them first class career opportunities. This is the direction my Government wants our education system to perform in the future.

Allow me to congratulate the leadership of Nyamira Schools for this landmark achievement.

I wish to thank the Principals, teachers, parents and Kenya Union of Teachers for their determination and commitment which led to this exemplary performance.

Above all, this excellent leadership has enabled Nyamira not register any examination irregularities. Indeed, we are among the 7 exceptional Counties countrywide that never registered examination malpractices. I am very proud of our school managements and leadership for attaining this remarkable achievement.

Finally, my Government will continue to work with both County and National education authorities to enhance our facilities in our schools. For instance, the County Ministry of Education and ICT has introduced an E-learning programme in our schools. In this regard, we have engaged partners in the PPP Programme to role out E-learning in some of our schools.

The programme will enable the Ministry to facilitate E-learning centres with desktop servers, smart screens, as well as provided internet connectivity to enable the school deliver E-learning content.

Finally, in the area of education, my Government is introducing a Mentor -Mentee Programme which will involve persons who have excelled in certain areas of expertise to provide mentoring services in our schools.

This will involve guiding, counselling, advising the youth on leadership issues as well as identifying and tackling challenges.

As you are aware, Nyamira County recently participated in a Beauty Pageant in which our Beauty Queen was ranked No.2 Countywide. This was another milestone for Nyamira.

The objective of having Miss Nyamira County Queen is for promotion of tourism in our county. The principal missions of my Government are to ensure promotion of our tourist sites in the County.

With those few remarks, may I once again use this opportunity to congratulate our candidates for doing us

proud, and for school managements and leadership for registering such starling performance.

Thank you.