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To: Headteachers of Government and Private Secondary, Primary Schools and Community Polytechnics
Principals of Primary Teachers' Colleges, Technical Institutes, Farm Schools, and other Tertiary Institutions

GUIDELINES FOR PHASED REOPENING AND RUNNING OF EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS UNDER THE COVID-19 STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES

In October 2020, Ministry of Education and Sports issued Guidelines for Reopening of Education Institutions and Implementation of Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). The guidelines were meant to help education institutions take the necessary steps in mitigation of the risk of transmission and spread of the disease as education institutions reopened for candidate classes and final year students.

Following the decision to allow other classes report back in a phased manner, and based on the lessons learnt from implementing the SOPs in schools, Ministry of Health has revised the SOPs. Accordingly, Ministry of Education and Sports has updated the guidelines to address emerging issues in the revised SOPs.

The updated guidelines are therefore being issued to guide education institutions effectively implement the revised SOPs and the strategies for recovery of lost time.

The purpose of this letter, therefore, is twofold:

- 1. To issue the Guidelines for Reopening of Education Institutions under Covid-19 Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and Recovery of Lost Time
- 2. To call upon management of all education institutions to use the guidelines to

prevent, control and manage Covid-19 in education institutions and at the same time ensure effective teaching and learning.

In particular, your attention is drawn to the two additional sections on (1) Covid-19 surveillance in education institutions and (2) recovery of lost learning time. You should also take note of the revised school calendar for completion of 2020 academic year, as well as projected calendar for academic years 2021-2023.

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