REPUBLIC OF KENYA





COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SIAYA THIRD ASSEMBLY - SECOND SESSION

DEVELOPMENT OF SCHOOL FEEDING PROGRAMME

NOTICE OF MOTION

Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to give notice of the following Motion.

AWARE THAT school meals are an important safety net for vulnerable children from food insecure households in the County;

APPRECIATING THAT school meals have multiple benefits such as increased ECDE enrolments and attendance as well as a significant and positive contribution to reducing hunger and nutrition intake;

NOTING THAT early childhood education enrollment rates have been reportedly higher in centers with meals thus school meals remain a core development intervention to support the county's achievements in education sector;

RECOGNISING THAT some wards within the county have adopted the ward based initiatives for Early Childhood Development Education (ECDE) school feeding programmes;

CONCERNED THAT the exercise is not supported by clear policy frameworks and budgetary provisions

CONCERNED FURTHER THAT lack of policy guidelines may have resulted in erratic implementation of the feeding program that may be construed as discriminatory from one region to another

COGNISANT of the fact that provision of school feeding program, where they have been initiated, have further encountered different challenges impeding their effectiveness, including insufficient resources due to low budgetary allocations, lack of school feeding policy, inadequate safe cooking and drinking water, bureaucratic and slow procurement process, insecurity and lack of proper infrastructure;

This House **RESOLVES** that the CECM in charge of the Department of Education, Youth Affairs, Gender and Social Services develops Siaya County School Feeding policy for the Early Childhood Development Education Centers within 30 days, and propose measures to sustain the programme in order to ensure that ECDE children are maintained in schools for effective learning and early strong foundation.

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