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QUALITY COURSE MATERIALS FOR CBC

Teachers have been asked to support implementation of the Competency Based Curriculum saying the ongoing curriculum reforms are timely and would improve the quality of education.

Addressing more than 7,000 primary head teachers in Mombasa, Kenya Primary School Head Teachers Association (KEPSHA) national chairman Nicholas Gathemia said CBC could transform the education sector as it churns out learners who can put into practice what they learn.

“The Competency Based Curriculum is a good system of learning whose time has come. Let us support it. It would help in nurturing our children talents and equipping them with the 21st skills, knowledge and attitudes for their own survival,” said Mr. Gathemia. The event comes to a close on Thursday 5th December, 2019.

More than 7500 heads of primary schools in Kenya are attending the four- day event whose theme is Management of the current reforms in the education sector, looking at roles played by head teachers who are school administrators.

Kenya Institute of Curriculum Development (KICD) Chief Executive Officer KICD, Dr. Julius Jwan cautioned parents, guardians and teachers not to subject learners to books that have not been approved by KICD as such contents are misleading and not suitable for children.

“We urge parents and teachers to buy only approved books as listed in the Orange Book. Course books for Grade four and below are accessible on the KICD website,” said Dr. Jwan.

The approved books have gone through a thorough content evaluation by relevant teachers in primary and secondary schools with the help of curriculum experts from the Ministry of Education and KICD.

CBC course materials for Grade Four are already out. Distribution of the materials, which include curriculum designs and teachers’ handbooks started in October and is expected to end by

December 7 ahead of opening of schools in January 7.

Stringent measures were put in place to ensure the materials that were developed by teachers from primary and secondary schools, teacher training colleges, universities and other curriculum experts from the KICD and the Ministry of Education met quality standards.

Dr Jwan assured the participants that teachers are deeply involved in the preparations, selection and approval of course books as key stakeholders and implementers of the new curriculum.

“Teachers are very resourceful and we need their expertise in making sure that the products we come out with are acceptable and of high quality,” said Dr. Jwan.

He said CBC would help learners to gain practical skills, values, inclusivity and competences for self-reliance. It is in line with the Constitution of Kenya 2010, East African Community Treaty of 2012 and the global requirements where the 21st Century knowledge and skills are key.

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