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**REMARKS BY HON. MOFFAT TEYA, THE SPEAKER COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF NYAMIRA DURING
THE LAUNCH OF NYAMIRA COUNTY EDUCATION SUPPORT FUND AT UHURU GARDENS,
NYAMIRA ON TUESDAY 26TH JUNE, 2018**

Your Excellency, the Deputy Governor Hon. Amos Nyaribo;
The Deputy Speaker;
Members of the County Assembly Leadership;
Honorable Members;
County Executive Committee Members;
County Members of staff;
Invited guests;
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Good morning;

John Dewey, a great American psychologist and educational reformer once said that, "Education is not preparation for life; education is life itself." Today we are all gathered here not because we are preparing to live but because we are actually living. Education and life are therefore intricately woven such that life without education is unfulfilling and depriving of even the very basic human dignity.

It is therefore immensely gratifying that as the County Government of Nyamira we are gathered here to appreciate the key role education plays in our lives. Today, I am proud to stand before you, not just as your Speaker but also as a life example of what education does to a man. It does not matter whether you are born to poor parents or rich parents. It does not matter if you are a partial or total orphan neither does it matter if you are short, tall, lean or fat; education makes us all equal.

Your Excellency,

The launch of the Nyamira County Education Support Fund 2017/18 is a true testament of the commitment of the leadership of His Excellency the Governor, John Nyagarama and his deputy His Excellency Amos Nyaribo towards provision of affordable and accessible education for all. Education should not just be a preserve of children from well-to-do family backgrounds. This is not just a day's event but a process whose impact will be felt across several generations to come. Though happening at the closure of the Financial Year, I hope the 2018/19 Bursary Fund will be launched in fairly good time.

I encourage our teachers to continue mentoring the young ones entrusted to them and embrace quality service delivery so that we can produce a bright and productive generation. I also urge the Department of Education and Youth Empowerment under the stewardship of Waziri Gladys

Momanyi to ensure that the impact of this Fund is felt in all villages and homesteads of Nyamira County.

Your Excellency;

Allow me to take this earliest opportunity to sincerely thank all honorable Members of our County Assembly to whom support for education of our children cannot be compromised. Truly that is the spirit of the United Nations Fourth Sustainable Development Goal that advocates for inclusive and quality education for all in an effort to promote lifelong learning. It cannot be gainsaid that obtaining quality education is the foundation to improving people's lives and ensuring sustainable development.

There should be deliberate efforts to enhance allocation to this Fund so that there can be increased access to education at all levels and increased enrolment rates in schools for both boys and girls. Since it is against our County Assembly Standing Orders to anticipate debate, allow me just to mention that debate on the 2018/19 County Budget Estimates is ongoing and it is my hope that honorable Members in their deliberations will give the Bursary Fund as proposed favourable consideration. In the meantime, the Ksh. 121Million meant for this Financial Year should go a long way in relieving our dear parents the heavy burden of educating our children.

Your Excellency; Ladies and gentlemen,

This is not a day of long speeches neither is it my day. However; let me to, in a special way, recognize our honorable members present in acknowledgement and appreciation of their key role of representing all of us who elected them into the Assembly. These are the ladies and gentlemen who shoulder our aspirations and hopes. These are the people we express our frustrations to and these are the people whom we entrust with making key decisions that affect our County. They pass laws that make it possible for our children to remain in school and for the farmers to access affordable agricultural production. These are the overseers of development in our dear County of Nyamira.

Honorable Members, kindly step forward and salute your people.

Your Excellency;

Finally, on behalf of the County Assembly I reiterate our commitment to work with your government in every effort that is geared towards the development of our great County of Nyamira;The County of Possibilities.

May God bless you all; May God bless Nyamira.

Thank You!