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Ministry of Education Welcomes Improvement in Grade 9 and Grade 12 Examination Pass Rates

MONROVIA – The Ministry of Education welcomed the improvement in the pass rates of Grade 9 and Grade 12 students sitting the Liberian Junior High School Certificate Examination (LJHSCE) and the Liberian Senior High School Certificate Examination (LSHSCE).

The results, released by the Liberian National Office of the West African Examinations Council (WAEC), showed that 64% of Grade 9 students and 58% of Grade 12 students received a pass result, up from 61% and 40% respectively in 2016.

The Ministry and WAEC commended the students and teachers across the country for their hard work preparing for the examination. Both institutions noted the strong performance of students in Sinoe and Grand Bassa counties, where 88% and 79% of Grade 12 students passed the examinations. They also praised the 108 high schools that received a 100% pass rate.

Commenting on the results, Minister of Education George K. Werner said: “The improved pass rates for Grade 9 and Grade 12 students are further evidence that the reforms being implemented under the Ministry’s 3-Year Plan are working. There is more work to be done, but it is clear that our efforts are already having a positive impact on improving the quality of education for all Liberian children.”

The Minister of Education drew particular attention to the strong performance of female students, which has improved steadily over recent years. Of Grade 12 students across the nation, Miss Marklyn W. Wingbah of Montserrado received the highest score in the LSHSCE, and ten of the 16 candidates who achieved Division II results (recognizing better results) were female.

Minister Werner noted: “There has never been any question about girls’ academic potential. Nonetheless, we are glad to congratulate Miss Wingbah and her peers on their achievement. They lead a cohort of female students striving for academic excellence. Closing the gender gap is a key priority for the Ministry, in line with President Sirleaf’s emphasis on girls’ education as a cornerstone of development. We are heartened to see that this year’s examination results show progress in this crucial area.”

A more detailed report on the results is being completed and will be posted on the Ministry’s website, www.moe.gov.lr.

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