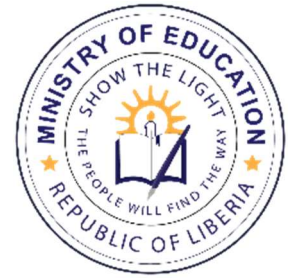




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**PRESS RELEASE: All Schools Ordered to
Remain in Session Until Holiday**

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MONROVIA, Liberia — The Ministry of Education has directed all principals, District Education Officers, and County Education Officers to ensure that all schools remain in session until the beginning of the Christmas vacation, December 22.

After years of civil war, Liberia's education system has been in a state of crisis that was later made worse by the Ebola epidemic. Overage enrollment remains a significant challenge at all levels of education. Approximately 40 percent of primary school students are more than three years older than the appropriate age for their grade.

Liberian children do not need any additional disruption that can negatively impact their ability to be productive citizens in the future.

It is the Ministry's responsibility to ensure that all of Liberia's children have access to quality education. Accordingly, the Ministry has been working to improve the education system and ensuring that children are in the classrooms and learning is absolutely central to that.

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