



TO ALL STAKEHOLDERS

ORGANISE MOP UP EXERCISE FOR SCHOOLS WHO COULD NOT WRITE 2022 NATIONAL STANDARDIZED TEST FOR BASIC 4 PUPILS

The 2022 edition of the National Standardised Test (NST) for Basic 4 learners took place on Friday December 16, 2022. This was preceded by a two-week Basic 2 NST exercise which was largely successful.

On Sunday, December 18, 2022, Eduwatch held a rapid stakeholder review of the 2022 NST to discuss the successes and challenges as part of efforts to improve. It emerged primarily, that the test scheduled for 9:00 AM, ended up starting at 11:00 AM, and in some cases, after 3:00 PM, leading to the exclusion of some learners from this important diagnostic exercise.

For instance, in Opah M/A Primary school in Ga West Municipal in the Greater Accra region, the test started as late as 3:30 PM resulting in learners being able to write only the English language paper. In that same district, learners at the Epiphany Anglican Basic school were unable to write both papers at all. Some learners in public and private schools were unable to participate in both subjects in the assessment.

Less than 8% of private schools participated in the NST for Basic 4 pupils due to poor coordination. Many private schools could not participate, even though made full payment to NaCCA.

It is worth emphasising, that the participation of all Ghanaian basic school learners, whether public or private is critical to improving teaching, learning and learning outcomes in line with the SDG 4 targets.

We call on the National Council for Curriculum and Assessment (NaCCA) to organise a mop up exercise at the beginning of the next academic year, for private schools who paid but could not participate in the test, and public schools who could not write all papers.

NaCCA and the Ministry of Education must create a space for Civil Society participation in the planning and monitoring of the NST. This should start with a multi-stakeholder review of the 2022 NST for the purpose of improving the process.

A memorandum detailing key issues and recommendations for improving NST organization has been submitted to NaCCA and the NST Coordinator at the Ministry of Education. Kindly access the statement via the link below:

<https://africaeducationwatch.org/our-statements-and-positions>

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