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To: All Regional Directors of Education  
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**RE: 2026 TERM DATES FOR BASIC EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS**

Below are the 2026 Term dates for Basic Education Institutions.

**A. PRE-PRIMARY, PRIMARY, JUNIOR, SENIOR AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS TERM-DATES, 2026**

| TERMS DATE 2025  |                                    |                                     |                 |
|------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
|                  | OPENING                            | CLOSING                             | DURATION        |
| <b>Term I</b>    | <b>5<sup>th</sup> January 2026</b> | <b>2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026</b>    | <b>13 Weeks</b> |
| Half term        | 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2026     | 1 <sup>st</sup> March 2026          | 5 Days          |
| April Holiday    | 7 <sup>th</sup> April 2026         | 24 <sup>th</sup> April 2026         | 3 Weeks         |
| <b>Term II</b>   | <b>27<sup>th</sup> April 2026</b>  | <b>31<sup>st</sup> July 2026</b>    | <b>14 Weeks</b> |
| Half term        | 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2026         | 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2026          | 5 Days          |
| August Holiday   | 3 <sup>rd</sup> August 2026        | 21 <sup>st</sup> August 2026        | 3 Weeks         |
| <b>Term III</b>  | <b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b> | <b>23<sup>rd</sup> October 2026</b> | <b>9 Weeks</b>  |
| KPSEA            | 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026      | 29 <sup>th</sup> October 2026       | 4 Days          |
| KILEA            | 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026      | 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026       | 5 Days          |
| KJSEA & KPLEA    | 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026      | 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2026       | 7 Days          |
| KCSE             | 2 <sup>nd</sup> November, 2026     | 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 2026     | 3 Weeks         |
| December Holiday | 26 <sup>th</sup> October 2026      | 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2027        | 10 Weeks        |