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The Hon. Speaker,  
Murang'a County Assembly.

**Date:** March 01, 2023

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The Clerk,  
Murang'a County Assembly,  
P.O Box 731-10200,  
**MURANG'A.**



**PAPER LAID:**

*Mr. Speaker Sir, I beg to lay the following Paper;*

**THAT**, pursuant to Standing Order No. 216 (2), the report of the Sectoral Committee on Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government on a petition regarding lack of classrooms at Wanjengi ECDE Center in Wangu Ward be laid on the Table of the Assembly today Wednesday March 01, 2023.

Thank You.

Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina (MCA)  
**CHAIRPERSON, EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH,  
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE.**



REPUBLIC OF KENYA



**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MURANGA**

**THIRD ASSEMBLY- SECOND SESSION (2023)**

**REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION, CHILD WELFARE  
RESEARCH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-GOVERNMENT**

**ON:**

**THE PUBLIC PETITION REGARDING INADEQUATE ECDE  
CLASSROOMS AT WANJENGI ECD CENTRE IN WANGU WARD.**

**ADDRESSED TO THE PETITIONERS**

CLERKS CHAMBERS,  
COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF MURANGA,  
ASSEMBLY BUILDING,  
MURANGA.

FEBRUARY 2023



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## ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

ECDE	Early Childhood Development Education
PP1	Pre-Primary Education One
PP2	Pre-Primary Education Two
CECM	County Executive Committee Member
CCA	Clerk, County Assembly
Hon	Honorable Member
CA	County Assembly
MCA	Member of County Assembly
MCG	Murang'a County Government



## 1.0 PREFACE

Mr. Speaker Sir,

On behalf of Members of the Committee for Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government and pursuant to **Standing Order 216(2)**, I beg to table the Committees report on the petition regarding **inadequate ECDE Classrooms at Wanjengi ECD Centre in Wangu Ward.**

The Committee on Education and Child welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-government was established under Standing Order No.204 and is mandated to deal and consider all matters related to pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centres and child welfare including childcare facilities, County Communication, information broadcasting, development and management, Libraries, Research and County technological advancement.

### 1.1 Committee Mandate

The Committee is mandated to do the following:-

1. Investigate, inquire into, and report on all matters relating to the mandate, management, activities, administration, operations and estimates of the department of Education, IT and Training
2. Study the programme and policy objectives of department of Education, IT and Training and the effectiveness of their implementation;
3. Study and review all legislation referred to it;
4. Study, assess and analyze the relative success of the department as measured by the results obtained as compared with their stated objectives;
5. Investigate and inquire into all matters relating to the department Education, IT and Training as they may deem necessary, and as may be referred to them by the Assembly;
6. To vet and report on all appointments where the Constitution or any law requires the County Assembly to approve, except those under Standing Order 198 (Committee on Appointments) ; and
7. Make reports and recommendations to the Assembly as often as possible, including recommendation of proposed legislation.

### 1.2 Committee Membership

The Committee consists of the following Members:-

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|--------------------------------|------------------|
| 1. Naomi Nyambura Maina        | Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura   | Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Gerald Wambugu         | Member           |
| 4. Hon. John Kamau Munyua      | Member           |
| 5. Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau   | Member           |
| 6. Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau | Member           |
| 7. Hon. Priscilla Njeri Mwangi | Member           |
| 8. Hon. Peter Munga Njuguna    | Member           |

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| 9. Hon. Esther Nyawira Kamindo  | Member |
| 10. Hon. Grace Nduta Wairimu    | Member |
| 11. Hon. Alex Wanyoike Wainaina | Member |
| 12. Hon. Benard Ruiru Njeri     | Member |

### 1.3 Committee Secretariat

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| 1. Francis Kimemia  | - Senior Clerk Assistant  |
| 2. Elizabeth Irungu | - Clerk Assistant         |
| 3. Joel Ngugi       | - Senior Hansard Reporter |
| 4. Julius Njoroge   | - Sergeant-At-Arms        |
| 5. Carol Karugo     | - Researcher              |

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to the Speaker and the Clerk to the County Assembly for facilitating the operations of the Committee to gather its evidence. Further the committee wishes to thank the Committee Secretariat for their dedication and commitment to duty that made the work of the committee and production of this report possible.



SIGNED: .....

HON. Naomi Nyambura Maina (MCA)

**EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-GOVERNMENT  
COMMITTEE**

DATE: ..... 20/1/2023 .....



## **2.0 BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THE PETITION**

On February 5, 2020, the County Assembly of Murang'a through the Clerk, County Assembly received a public petition from Thirty Community Members (The Petitioners) from Wanjengi Sub-location in Wangu Ward, Kiharu constituency regarding inadequate ECDE classrooms at Wanjengi ECD Centre. The grounds for the petition are as outlined herein;

- i. That Wanjengi ECDE Centre has only one classroom for both PPI and PP2 Pupils
- ii. That the classrooms are only separated by a plywood
- iii. That the ECD centre has no kitchen to prepare lunch for the pupils
- iv. That the Wanjengi Primary School has enough space where the ECD classes can be constructed
- v. That the above issues in respect of which the petition is made is not pending in any court of law or legal institution
- vi. That the County Assembly issues a resolution that the County Government of Muranga allocates funds for construction of modern ECD classes and a kitchen at Wanjengi ECDE centre

On February 6, 2020, the petition was tabled in the County Assembly as a communication from the chair and committed to the Committee on Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government. However, due to the emergence of Covid-19 pandemic, the education committee in the Secondly Assembly was unable to complete the task and sought leave of the Assembly for extension of time.

### **2.1 BRIEF HISTORY OF WANJENGI ECD CENTRE**

Wanjengi ECD centre is located within the compound of Wanjengi Primary School. Which was established in 1990. Previously, pupils from Wanjengi area would travel long distances to attend School at Gituto, Weithaga and Gitie Primary Schools. This posed a great challenge to the young learners especially those in nursery school during the rainy seasons.

Due to above challenges, the local leaders mobilized the community to purchase parcels of land where the primary school was constructed.

One classroom was thereafter allocated to PP1 pupils

### **2.2 INVESTIGATION PROCESS**

In the course of its investigation, the committee first invited the Member of County Assembly for Wangu Ward, Hon. Margaret Wanjiku Gichia to adduce her evidence on the ECD center.

Further, the committee wrote a letter to the County Executive Committee Member for Education, IT and Vocational Training to give the current status of the ECD centre.



Finally, the committee undertook a fact finding visit to Wanjengi ECD centre to meet with the petitioners and the Member of County Assembly of Wangu ward who presented their oral and written submissions on the petition.

The evidence received is as contained in the following paragraphs of the report.

### **2.3. EVIDENCE BY HON. MARGARET WANJIKU GICHIA, MCA WANGU WARD.**

The member appeared before the Committee on February 16, 2023 at Wanjengi Primary school grounds and adduced the following evidence,

- i. That she was aware of the Petition by parents from her Ward
- ii. That in the current budget, the County Government has only allocated funds for construction of one classroom for PP1 Pupils
- iii. That no funds had been allocated for construction of a classroom for PP2 pupils
- iv. That the current classroom for PP2 pupils is borrowed from Wanjengi Primary School
- v. That there is land for construction of PP1 and PP2 Classrooms within Wanjengi Primary School

### **2.4 COMMITTEE SITE VISIT AND EVIDENCE BY PETITIONERS**

On February 16, 2023, the committee undertook a site visit to Wanjengi ECD centre where it met with four representatives of the petitioners, the ECD Teachers and management of Wanjengi Primary School.

#### **Petitioners**

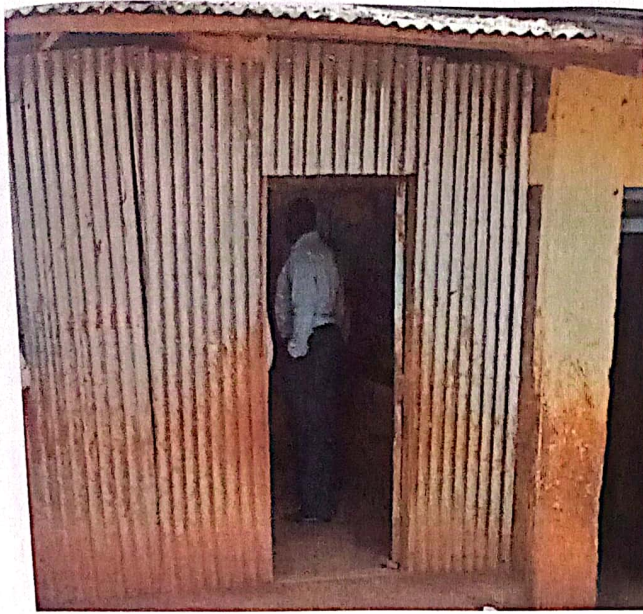
1. Mr. Godfrey Kanjiri -Tel. 0720658606
2. Mr. Joseph Ngugi Mwangi - Tel .0729351391
3. M/s Nyambura Wangui - Tel: 0720017960
4. M/s Marion Wairimu Gachiri - Tel. 0715003394

After introductions, the above petitioners adduced the following oral evidence before the committee;

#### **A. FACTS ON WANJENGI ECD CENTRE**

1. That before year 2020, the ECDE learners used to share one room borrowed from the management of Wanjengi Primary School which was temporary partitioned.
2. That in 2020, there was an increase in entrants of PP1 learners that necessitated urgent measures to have another room to ease congestion.
3. That due to lack of funds, the community resolved to build a temporary structure to accommodate the PP1 pupils.
4. That currently, the ECD centre has a total population of 35 learners in PP1 and 39 in PP2
5. That the floor of the current PP1 temporary structure is dilapidated.
6. That during cold seasons, the temporary structure is very cold exposing learners to illnesses.
7. That there is ample land within Wanjengi Primary School compound for construction of two ECDE classrooms





**Current temporary ECDE Classroom for 35 PP1 learners**



**The MCA Wangu Ward adducing her evidence to the Committee**



**A section of Members of the Committee during the site visit**





**The area MCA, Partitioners and Committee Members during the visit**



**Land set aside within Wanjengi Primary School compound meant for construction of PP1 and PP2 Classrooms**



### 3.0: COMMITTEE FINDINGS

The committee made the following findings from the oral evidence given, independent investigations and perusal of submitted documents;

1. That pursuant to Articles 185(2) 186(1), 187(2) and Part 2 (9) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, construction, management and maintenance of Pre-primary education, village polytechnics, homecraft centres and childcare facilities is a devolved function;
2. That at the moment, the temporary PP1 Classroom at Wanjengi ECD Centre is not conducive for PPI learners
3. That learners at Wanjengi ECDE centre share toilets and other sanitary facilities with Wanjengi primary School Pupils
4. That currently, parents contribute cash for feeding of ECDE learners with porridge and lunch
5. That there is ample land for construction of two classrooms and playing area for the ECDE learners
6. That Wanjengi ECD centre has no kitchen to prepare hot meals for the ECDE learners
7. That the ECDE learners at wanjengi ECDE centre lacks learning materials and washing basins
8. That the current pupil-teacher ratio of 35-1 is high against the recommend ratio of 25-1 by the ministry of education
9. That the ECDE centre have no playing equipments for the ECDE learners



#### 4.0 COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

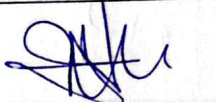


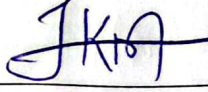






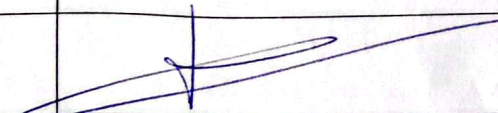

The following are the considered recommendations by the Committee;

1. That the County Executive Committee member for Education, IT and Technical Training immediately allocates extra funds for construction of one extra classroom and ablution blocks for for PP1 and PP2 learners at Wanjegi ECDE centre.
2. That the County Executive Committee Member for Education, IT and Vocational Training immediately allocates funds and undertakes the construction of a kitchen at Wanjengi ECDE centre to enable provision of hot meals to the learners.
3. That immediately, the County Government of Muranga do provide a 5000-litre water tank and washing basins to Wanjengi ECDE centre.
4. That the County Government of Muranga immediately provides the learners at Wanjengi ECDE centre with ECDE learning materials, mattresses, tables and chairs.



### ADOPTION OF THE REPORT

We, the Honorable Members of the Committee on for Education and Child Welfare, Research, Information Technology and E-Government today Monday February 20, 2023 do hereby affix our signatures to this report to affirm our approval and confirm its accuracy, validity and authenticity.

S/NO	HON. MEMBER	SIGNATURE
1	Naomi Nyambura Maina	
2	Hon. Thomas Muteti Mwaura	
3	Hon. Gerald Wambugu	
4	Hon. John Kamau Munyua	
5	Hon. Hannah Wairimu Kamau	
6	Hon. Boniface Ng'ang'a Mbau	
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12	Hon. Benard Ruiru Njeri	



# MURANG'A COUNTY GOVERNMENT

ALL CORRESPONDENCE TO BE ADDRESSED:  
THE COUNTY SECRETARY

Our Ref: MCG/EDU&T

Your Ref:



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21 Feb 2023*

## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION & TECHNICAL TRAINING.

The Clerk

Murang'a County Assembly

17/02/2023

**RE: RESPONSE TO A PETITION REGARDING WANJENGI ECDE CENTER**

Refer the above.

In reference to a letter dated 7/02/2023 REF NO.MCA/EDU/12/2022 the Department wishes to respond as follows.

1. The number of classrooms for PP1 and PP2

**Response:**

Wanjengi primary school has one classroom dedicated to PP1 and PP2 that is subdivided using a plywood.

2. The number of all ECDE pupils in wanjengi primary

**Response:** The centre has

- i. PP1 – 32 learners
- ii. PP2 – 41 learners

3. The nature of the available classrooms

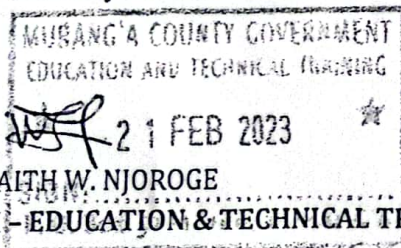
**Response:**

The classroom is of standard size without proper windows, basic concrete floor and unsecured door

4. The plans in place to construct extra classes and kitchen.

**Response:**

The centre has been earmarked for renovation in the community based projects for the year 2022/2023.



HON. FAITH W. NJOROGE

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**MINUTES OF THE EDUCATION, CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E- GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE WORKSHOP HELD AT SPORTSVIEW HOTEL, KASARANI ON MONDAY FEBRUARY 20, 2023**

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

- |                         |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Hon. Naomi Maina     | - Chairperson      |
| 2. Hon. Thomas Muteti   | - Vice-Chairperson |
| 3. Hon. Hannah Kamau    | - Member           |
| 4. Hon. John Munyua     | - Member           |
| 5. Hon. Bernard Ruiru   | - Member           |
| 6. Hon Esther Kamindo   | -Member            |
| 7. Hon. Boniface Mbao   | - Member           |
| 8. Hon. Grace Nduta     | - Member           |
| 9. Hon. Priscilla Njeri | -Member            |
| 10. Hon. Peter Munga    | - Member           |
| 11. Hon. Alex Wanyoike  | -Member            |
| 12. Gerald Wambugu      | - Member           |

**Committee Secretariat**

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| 1. Francis Kimemia   | - Senior Clerk Assistant           |
| 2. Elizabeth Wairimu | - Clerk Assistant (Taking minutes) |
| 3. Joel Ngugi        | -Senior Hansard Reporter           |
| 4. Caroline Karugo   | - Researcher                       |
| 5. Julius Njoroge    | -Sergeant- At- Arms                |

**MIN/001/EDUCATION/ NRB/(20/02/2023)**

**PRELIMINARIES**

The Chair called the meeting at 10.36 a.m. and requested Hon. Esther Kamindo to lead with a word of prayer.

**MIN/002/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)**

**AGENDA OF MEETING.**

The chairperson, Hon. Naomi Nyambura informed the committee that the purpose of the workshop was to discuss and adopt the committee report on the petition regarding Wanjengi ECDE centre.

**MIN/003/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)**

**COMPILATION AND ADOPTION OF REPORT ON WANJENGI ECDE CENTRE.**

The Senior clerk assistant took the Members through the report on Wanjengi ECDE centre obtained after a fact finding by the Committee on February 16, 2023. The report contained



background information on the history of the institution, investigation process and facts on the current condition of the ECDE centre.

Thereafter, the committee came up with the following Findings and recommendations for inclusion in the final report.

**MIN/004/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)**

**COMMITTEE FINDINGS**

The committee came up with the following findings

1. That pursuant to Articles 185(2) 186(1), 187(2) and Part 2(9) of the Fourth Schedule of the Constitution of Kenya 2010, construction, management and maintenance of pre-primary education, village polytechnics, home craft centers and childcare facilities is a devolved function;
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**MIN/005/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)**

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**MIN/006/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)**

**ADOPTION OF THE REPORT**

The report was adopted with amendments after being proposed by: Hon. Esther Kamindo and seconded by: Hon. Alex Wanyoike

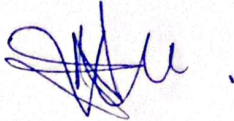


MIN/007/EDUCATION/ NRB/ (20/02/2023)

ADJOURNMENT

The chairperson adjourned the meeting at 3.45pm and requested members to avail themselves during the committee meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 23 at 12.00pm in the Assembly buildings, Muranga.

**MINUTES APPROVED BY:**



Hon. Naomi Nyambura Maina

CHAIRPERSON

**EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE, RESEARCH, INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AND E-  
GOVERNMENT COMMITTEE**