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The House met at the County Assembly Chamber at 2:30 p.m.

(Mr. Speaker [Hon. Stephen Wamalwa] in the Chair)

PRAYERS

COMMUNICATION FROM THE CHAIR

VISITING DELEGATION

Honourable members, I am pleased to welcome Grade 8 learners and teachers from St. Jude Muanda Comprehensive School from South Bukusu Ward, Bumula Constituency. The learners are interested in learning about the devolved system of government in Kenya, including its composition, functions, sources of revenue, how the revenue is spent and the importance of paying taxes. The visiting delegation comprises of 97 learners. Be upstanding, the learners.

(All learners stand)

Let's appreciate them, Honourable members.

(Applause)

You can get seated.

(Learners take their seats)

These learners are accompanied by five teachers. When I call your name kindly, be upstanding.

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| 1. Mr. Stephen Juma | - Deputy Head teacher. |
| 2. Ms. Phyllis Wandabusi | - Deputy Head teacher |
| 3. Mr. Daniel Wamalwa | - Class teacher |
| 4. Mr. Dominic Wekesa | - Social Studies teacher. |
| 5. Mr. Charles Kuloba | - Trip coordinator. |

(All teachers stand)

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Let's appreciate them.

(Applause)

You can get seated.

(Teachers take back their seats)

Honourable members, at the statement hour, we will allow members to make comments and encourage the learners briefly. Thank you so much. We move to the next item.

QUESTIONS AND STATEMENTS

STATEMENT NUMBER 47 OF 2026 MEMBER FOR KIMAETI WARD, HON. JACK WAMBULWA, TO
SEEK A STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON LAND, URBAN,
PHYSICAL PLANNING AND HOUSING

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, the Hon. Jack Wambulwa, the Chair of this Committee on Lands, or a member... Do we have any member of the Lands Committee? Very well, we can now proceed.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order 47(2)(c) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, I rise to seek a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Lands, Urban, Physical Planning, and Housing. This is in relation to the delayed completion of the Executive Office Block.

Aware that the delayed completion of the administration block is a critical concern in the county, concerns have been raised regarding the slow progress of the project, which could result in the loss of public funds through cost escalation and penalties. In the response, let the Chairperson inquire into and elaborate on the following:

1. How much was the budget allocation for the project, and how much was disbursed?
2. Establish the name of the contractor and avail copies of the signed contract and the BQs.
3. Ascertain the financial years to which the project relates and the scope of work done on the project.
4. Avail copies of payment certificates and the IFMIS statement relating to the same.
5. Establish the expected completion date and the current completion status.
6. Any other relevant information or document relating to the subject matter.

Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, that is a statement from the Hon. Wambulwa. We now have members of the Lands Committee; we need to get a response from you. Yes, Hon. Maureen.

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Hon. Maurine Wafula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I do wish that the owner of the statement gives us 14 days to come back with the answer.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Maureen, we didn't clearly get you.

Hon. Maurine Wafula: I am requesting that the owner of the statement gives us 14 days as a committee to come back with a response.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, I think it will be in order. The owner accepts that, but the 20th will be a holiday, as we are aware. The 20th of this month will be a day when we remember our heroes in this country. Therefore, we can have the response on the 27th, being a Tuesday. So, let us move it to the 27th, courtesy of the holiday. On the 27th, we expect a comprehensive response to that statement from the Department of Lands and Housing.

Hon. Maurine Wafula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. According to your schedule, on the 27th we will be in CASA Games. I am therefore requesting that you change your schedule because on the 27th, we will be in Kisumu for CASA Games.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Still, issues arise from the same, and because of that, the Hon. Wambulwa, I think we move this now to 3rd October because on that very day, including yourself, you will be doing something in preparation to go to Burundi. Yes, Hon. Jack Wambulwa.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Honourable Speaker, looking at the urgency of the matter, as you are aware, the financial year will be ending any time, and this is something that we have been waiting for quite a long time. It was not a must that we give it two weeks, as requested by the Member. Can you give it a week, so that we can get the response? Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Maureen Katila, what can you say about that?

Hon. Maureen Wafula: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. I don't think there is no urgency in the statement, so I request that you give us time to scrutinize it, so that we can come back.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Maureen, why do you say that you think there is no urgency? This is an issue that is talking about taxpayers' money, and someone has to respond. Someone has to, in fact, if it was possible, they should have come even tomorrow.

Hon. Maureen Wafula: Chair that is something that deals with construction. In construction, there is no urgency, Chair. They should give us time, I request.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: In construction... Yes, Hon. Isaiah Sudi.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Honourable Speaker, the matter raised by the Honourable Member for Kimaeti is weighty and even one week is a long period, because a Member who is

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representing the Lands Committee is not the one to bring the response; a response will come from elsewhere. Honourable Speaker, I want to support the owner of the statement that we give them one week, seven days. Our time is also not... We don't have time, and two weeks is not mandatory. You can even give two days; it is at your discretion, but I would request that we give them seven days.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, we have Hon. Benard Kikechi.

Hon. Benard Kikechi: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Looking at the matter that has been raised by Hon. Jack Wambulwa, and bearing in mind that issue, which is even in the public domain, that building has stalled for long. So, the department should be having ready answers for all the questions raised. Seven days, is appropriate.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: That's from Hon. Benard Kikechi, and then we had Hon. Linda Kharakha.

Hon. Linda Kharakha: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I think my colleagues have already addressed the matter. However, as a member of the committee, it will be very much in order to have the matter handled with speed because, Honourable Speaker, where we are going, we can even see the House. We need to dispense with it and get answers. I think the department has all the reasons, just like Hon. Kikechi has said and we can't give reasons of other activities that are on our calendar.

The committee and the department need to create time and address the issues that have been raised by Hon. Jack Wambulwa. Thank you. So, one week is enough, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Now, Honourable Members, I think I have to make a ruling on that. Before then, I can see the Hon. Wafula Waiti.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Like we are reasoning together, because you had already ruled, and, Honourable Speaker, looking at the calendar before you, you had indicated the 20th, and it happens to be a holiday. I am equally a member of the committee, and this will require that we communicate as a committee by inviting the department, and it has some timelines. When we invite, we give specific seven days.

Honourable Speaker based on that, we cannot afford to reply within those seven days. Kindly let us go by your ruling of 3rd November. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Well, thank you, Hon. Wafula Waiti. Honourable Members, I was making a ruling on the same, and I want to remind the House that, remember, we are in CASA season, where you know what you are doing as defending champions of the same in the Country, and we are only meeting on Tuesday. Remember that. We are meeting only on

Tuesdays, so, therefore, we cannot afford to get half-baked information. So, let's be patient and have a conclusive, comprehensive response from the department on 3rd November.

Next item.

STATEMENT NO. 48 OF 2026; MEMBER FOR KIMAETI WARD, HONOURABLE JACK WAMBULWA,
TO SEEK A STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON, SECTORAL COMMITTEE ON ROADS,
TRANSPORT, INFRASTRUCTURE AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Yes, Hon. Jack Wambulwa

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. Pursuant to the provision of Standing Order No. 47 2 (c) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, I hereby seek for a statement from the Chairperson, Sectoral Committee on Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works. This is in relation to the status of pending bills in the Department of Roads, Transport, Infrastructure and Public Works. In the response, let the Chairperson inquire unto and elaborate on the following;

- I. Provide the approved list of pending bills to be paid in the financial year 2026/2027.
- II. What is the payment status of the above pending bills for roads that were committed in the financial year 2026/2027 Budget
- III. What measures has the Department put in place to clear the pending bills before the first supplementary.

Honourable Speaker, as I sum up on that statement, I request that the longest it should take should be a week because they are already paying pending bills. We might find these monies having been diverted to a wrong Department. I expect not any member should oppose this because it affects all of us and the whole County. Thank you, Honourable Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Jack Wambulwa. Members of Roads, do you have the Chairperson, if not... Yes Hon. Everline, are you a member of Roads

Hon. Everline Mutiembu: Yes,

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, you are using the Dispatch.

Hon. Everline Mutiembu: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. On behalf of the Roads Committee, we are requesting for 7 days. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well, seven days. Today is 6th, I presume, if I'm not wrong, so next week, 13th October, 2026 we expect a very comprehensive response concerning these weight issues raised. Many roads across the County are not yet settled and we don't want helicopter payments, we need every one to be on board. We expect Honourable Members

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that on 13th we will have a very good response so that Hon. Kikechi can be satisfied. Very well and everyone else.

Next item.

STATEMENT NO. 49 OF 2026 MEMBER FOR KIMAETI WARD HON. JACK WAMBULWA TO SEEK A
STATEMENT FROM THE CHAIRPERSON SECTORIAL COMMITTEE ON LAND, URBAN, PHYSICAL,
PLANNING AND HOUSING

Deputy Speaker: Keep going Hon. Wambulwa.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you Mr. Speaker. Pursuant to the provisions of Standing Order No. 47 2 (c) of the County Assembly of Bungoma Standing Orders, I hereby seek for a statement from the chairperson of Sectorial committee of Land Urban Physical Planning and Housing. This is relating to the late completion of official residence of the Governor and the Deputy Governor. Through the circular issued by the salaries and remuneration commission reference number SRCTSCOG6148 volume 264 dated 16th August 2020 Mr. Speaker on Housing benefits for the Governors, Deputy Governors and Speakers of the county assemblies.

The commission reiterated that the deadline for leasing of houses for the said officers was set to be 30th of June 2022. The counties were therefore called upon to hasten the construction of the residences by allocating funds preempting the first tracking and construction of official residences of the Governors and their deputies and the Speakers of the County Assemblies, delayed completion of official residence of the Governor and the Deputy Governor is a critical concern in the county.

Aware that the concern has been raised, regarding the massive expenditures and slow progress on the projects delayed completion could result in the loss of public funds through cost escalation and penalties Mr. Speaker. Therefore, in the response I request the chairperson to inquire and elaborate the following:

1. How much was the budgetary allocation for the two projects and how much has been disbursed so far
2. Establish the number of contractors availing copies of signed contracts and the big use.
3. Ascertain the financial years of which the projects relate and scope of works done for the two projects so far.
4. Avail copies of payment certificates and every statement paid to the contractors.
5. Establish the expected completion dates, the current completion status and variation request so far made and whether the variations follow within the allowable percentage provided under Section 139 of the Public Procurement and Asset Disposal Act 2015.

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6. Any other relevant information on the documents relating to the same matter. Thank you Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. Members of the Lands Committee, the Honourable Waiti, and then we shall have Honourable Edwin.

Hon. Wafula Waiti: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. Now that it is the same committee which will handle both statements, I request that you allow the committee, Mr. Speaker, to respond to both statements on the same day, 3rd November. Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Very well. It is 3rd because it is just obvious that they will be appearing here with the responses on that. We give them that. Hon. Opwora, you had something? Honourable Wekesa Opwora.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. By virtue of the fact that I am a member of the Lands Committee, and I know the Chairman is engaged somewhere else, luckily, we are concerned members. So, I was trying to respond and also request for the same period, but my senior and uncle was fast, so I just want to assure you that the statement raised by Hon. Wambulwa is actually also of concern to me by virtue of the fact that I am a member hosting the Governor's residence, and I am looking forward to hosting the Governor in 2027 when I will be back. So, we shall ensure, as a committee, that we do proper follow-up. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With optimism, Hon. Wambulwa, I think that one is in order.

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Mr. Speaker, how I wish you were fair on this. Looking at the circular, how it was issued and the budgets that we have been raising, well enough, you are a senior member of this House, and you know this is an area that we have been making follow-ups every now and then. These officers have information at their fingertips. I don't know why my colleagues fear to a level that they want to give it two weeks. This is an area where funds have been used in excess of the works done. Why don't you allow this one to be seven days, Mr. Speaker, so that the other one, as much as you give them two weeks, but on this one, how I wish you give them seven days? Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you. Very well, Honourable Jackson Wambulwa. Members, as well put by Hon. Wambulwa, that money has been spent here, I want to assure you that after CASA is when we shall be rejuvenated, strong enough, and we will be keen to understand. So, Hon. Wambulwa, despite the fact that circulars were given a long time ago, we are just about there. 3rd November is just around the corner, so that we get comprehensive responses devoid of any mischief or monkey business. So, I want to reiterate that let us have it on 3rd because they will be appearing here. Let it be 3rd, and let us have very wonderful, comprehensive responses.

Members of the committee, can you also, in your own capacity, in your committee meeting, ventilate on this and ensure that the department brings what this House needs on 3rd. I rule. Maybe the whip has something else? Okay, fine. Good. The whips are conversing. Very well.

Now, Honourable Members, at this level, allow me now to invite us to make short remarks and words of encouragement to our very wonderful learners from this good school with a good name, St. Jude Muanda Comprehensive School from South Bukusu Ward, Bumula Constituency. Let us welcome the host Member of County Assembly, the Hon. Isaiah Busolo Sudi.

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity so that I can talk to my voters, my employers. We have the teachers from Muanda Comprehensive School and the students. The students are representing their parents, who are so dear to me.

They have voted for me twice, and I am still requesting them that, again, they vote for me so that I can come for the third term. If you go to my Ward now, that is the slogan: Sudi third term. The other slogans are not there. I want to thank the school leadership for choosing this Assembly because that is the school where I also schooled.

It was my primary school. They have been here before. That is why I am not mentioning some areas, and Members are aware that that is the school where I also schooled, and it is the school that is next to my door, just like 200 metres away. If you go by my father's land, it is only separated by a road with a width of 9 metres. It is a school that has very good performance.

It is one of the best schools in this county and the country at large. It is performing very well, and I want to encourage the students that they continue taking instructions from their teachers correctly so that they continue performing well, to continue putting our school on the map of this county and the country at large.

It is not easy. Even in a marriage, if you see your in-laws visit you, it means that you are really taking care of their daughter. You are a responsible husband. When you see my school coming, it means I am a very responsible person, and I want to urge my teachers who have accompanied the students that you continue arranging these programmes for other students that you have left behind so that they also come and see what happens here.

We are here because of you, and don't get tired of coming here. I am very sure students indeed have learnt so much because they have up to Grade 9, I think. I just want to wish my teachers and my students well. Journey mercies as they go back home.

This is the County Assembly of Bungoma, and you know our Ward is not far from this Assembly. You can again come because it is not far. You can even just walk. For teachers, continue taking care of the students seriously. I know what you do, and I am also there for

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you. All the teachers who have accompanied the students are my voters. That is why you see I am requesting them to join hands and give me another term.

As you go back, support each other to preach three terms. My teachers let us forget about the other terms. Ours is three terms. In this Assembly, we are divided. There are those for three terms, there are those for two terms, and one term, but Sudi is three terms.

That is the slogan there. Students, when you go home, tell your parents that it is three terms. As I finish, allowing other Members also to venerate, we have a bursary now for those who are in Grade 9 as you join Grade 10.

Those who will go to St. Jude Muanda Secondary School will get a bursary, all of them. Those who will go to other schools shall just pick a few. Those who will join St. Jude Muanda Secondary School in Grade 10, I will give a bursary to all of you.

(Applause)

Those who will go to... you know what will happen. I have two schools that I will give students bursary in Grade 10. We have St. Joseph's Lumboka. Also, those who will join St. Joseph's Lumboka Secondary School will get bursary, Grade 10, all of them, and St. Jude Muanda, all of them. It is upon you students to choose to go where there are already school fees, or you go where your parents will struggle. I rest my case.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you Hon. Isaiah Busolo Sudi member for South Bukusu. We have our senior before we move to other members, Hon. Meshack Wekesa Museveni.

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Mheshimiwa Spika, asante kunipa nafasi...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Sorry, Hon. Meshack, kindly, a moment. Just resume your seat. I am sorry about what has happened. We have our Leader of Minority before you come in. Please, I hadn't seen his blinking microphone.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Member, I hope it is not in relation to my... Yes, please!

Hon. Jack Wambulwa: Thank you, Hon. Speaker. You might have made a ruling on the seniority, but as far as I am concerned, going by the seniority of the House, Hon. Museveni is the remaining senior-most in this House, going by the number of times he has been elected. That is what we talk of as seniority.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Hon. Wambulwa, you are out of order, and please, Members, let's not go into that. We know that House leadership is a different thing. We appreciate Hon. Museveni as being a veteran in this House. We all appreciate him, especially I, and he knows it. Having served for 30 years is no joke; it's a dream that very many people will not attain. But when we come to the House, when we are debating, we are talking about House leadership.

In the absence of the Majority Leader, the Minority is the senior-most. In this House, the Majority is the senior-most, and then the Minority, followed by the Deputies, then our senior Whips, with due respect. Very well, I think now we put that case to rest. We proceed.

Kindly, let's allow him, your colleague from Bumula. Let's hear him, Hon. Vitalis!

Hon. Isaiah Sudi: Hon. Speaker, I just want to support because students have come to learn, and we must articulate correctly and positively so that they go home with something that will impact them positively. Now, if we confuse them that... It doesn't matter how many times you have been elected here; that one is not ranked anywhere.

(Loud Consultation)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, you realize that these students are actually here. Hon. Vitalis, before you come in, the students are here, and they have to take home what is correct. In this House, the Leader of Majority and Minority take precedence. We are talking about the sitting Majority and Minority, so the students will take home that. When we are debating, we give preference to the Majority and Minority Leaders if they want to speak, followed by the Deputies, and then we have the Majority Whip, who is now Hon. Meshack Museveni, and then Minority Deputies, in that order. So, with that correctly stated, Honourable Vitalis, who is our Leader of the Minority Party or coalition, you are on the floor.

Hon. Vitalis Wangila: Thank you, Mr. Speaker. You have guided us well. Allow me also to welcome the teachers and pupils or students from Muanda Comprehensive School for finding it fit to come here in this Assembly for their educational tour.

Muanda is from South Bukusu, and South Bukusu Ward neighbors my ward, Kabula. One time, South Bukusu and Kabula were one ward, and that is why sometimes most Members see me very close to Mheshimiwa Sudi because we are like twins, and at one time, it was one ward.

I want to tell the students and teachers that your area MCA, who is the Deputy Whip on the Majority side, is very hardworking. Just as you have heard, Hon. Sudi is very unique because, in most cases, the Muanda School benefited from scholarships and bursaries in those days.

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I am very happy that, for the first time, Hon. Sudi is saying he is also going to give bursaries to Lumboka Secondary School, which is very unique. I have never done it, but he is very hardworking, and that is why I am telling the teachers that, come 2027, consider him because, if in any case he shares anything, Muanda School will get the highest share.

I also want to tell the students to work very hard, and because they have come here to learn, I want to tell you that, as you have been guided by the Speaker, at the moment, here in the House, I am the senior-most according to the leadership in this House, and your MCA is part of the leadership in this particular Assembly.

What we are working on is to make sure that we roll off the bursary issue to make sure that it proceeds as we have allocated it in the budget, and my advice to the students is to work very hard. I know you are going to do your end-term exams. I wish you success and a safe journey back home. I rest my case.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much our Minority Leader, Hon. Vitalis, member for Kabula. Let's have our Majority Whip, Hon. Meshack Wekesa Museveni.

Hon. Meshack Simiyu: Mheshimiwa Spika, asante kunipa nafasi pia niongee na wanafunzi wa Muanda Primary School.

Ninataka kushukuru Muanda Primary School kwa sababu Mheshimiwa Sudi alisomea Muanda Primary School akapita vizuri, akaenda Kamusinga kisha akasomea kuwa *surveyor* mambo ya mashamba na unajua hata sahihi hawa wanafunzi wetu wanaanzia chini. Vile wako hivi muda ya miaka kumi na tano pia wao watasema pia sisi tulisomea Mwanda. Juzi tulikua kwako tukifungua *petrol station* uliskia *Father* akijisifu alisomea Matulo Girls wakati huo walikua *mixed* lakini sai ni Matulo Girls sasa yeye anajiita Matulo Girls.

Sasa Sudi ni mtu wa Muanda. Nataka niambie wanafunzi kwamba soma na bidi. Musipo soma na bidii... unajua siku izi watoto wana kiburi hata mtoto mdogo mwalimu akimwambia nenda uniletee kitu fulani unaona mtoto anakataa. Lazima ukue na tabia mzuri uskie ya mwalimu akikufunza uskie vizuri kama huskii rudi kwa mwalimu eleza kwamba mwalimu sijaskia. Mwalimu atarudia.

Ya pili, mimi pia nataka nijisifu. Mheshimiwa Sudi anataka *term* tatu lakini mimi nashukuru watu wangu wa Mkuyuni *term* sita. Sasa nataka niambie watu walimu wako hapa na wanafunzi pia wanarudi nyumbani, muombe wazazi kwa sababu nyinyi hampigi kura ya kwamba nenda mupigie Sudi pia akue mara ya tatu na akipita mara ya tatu pia ataomba mara ya nne...

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(Applause)

...na mimi naomba ya saba

(Laughter)

Hata nikiskia Mheshimiwa Spika mtu anasema sijui *term* mbili, *term* moja na ukiskia mtu... mtu hapa anasema *one term* lakini ukimuuliza wewe pia urudi nyumbani ukue *one term* hatakubali kwa sababu anataka kama alikuja 2022 anataka akue *two term*. Sasa naomba kwa heshima Mheshimiwa Sudi amefanya kazi; barabara amelima, maji Mheshimiwa Sudi amefanya, amepeana kwa wazazi kuku, kazi yote Mheshimiwa Sudi amefanya ndio kwa sababu mlimrudisha mara ya pili sasa ninawaomba mkirudi nyumbani, waambie wazazi mpe Sudi mara ya tatu.

Nikimalizia nataka kushukuru walimu. Mnafanya kazi ngumu na hii kazi ngumu, Mungu mwenyewe ndo atawalipa. Watoto wakipita vizuri ninyi ndo mtakua wa kwanza kusema Mungu asante. Kwa hivyo mjaribu sana watoto wetu wa Mwanda wapite vizuri. Kwa hayo machache nataka nishukuru Mheshimiwa Spika asante kunipa nafasi lakini tukimaliza mimi nitakua nyuma ya *tent*. Sasa unajua nikisema nyuma ya *tent*, mimi na Sudi tutakua nyuma ya *tent* lazima nione hawa watoto niwaambie habari yenu basi ndio wajue mimi ni nani Mheshimiwa Spika. Lakini masomo ni kitu ya mana. Asanteni sana.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Huyo ni Mhehsimwa Meshack Wekesa Museveni. Asante sana Mheshimiwa kwa usemi wako mwafaka ulio jaa na mawaidha yaliyo bora sana kwa wanafunzi wetu pamoja na kuwapea walimu wetu kongole kwa kazi nzito wanayoifanya katika kueleimisha watoto wetu. Asante sana sasa tumpate Mheshimiwa... ili tupate wa kike Mheshimiwa wetu Moreen Khanjila Wekesa baadaye tumpate Mheshimiwa Edwin Opwora na baadaye tumpate Mheshimiwa Jack Wambulwa. Kwa usanjari huo.

Hon. Moureen Wafula: Hon. Speaker, I am not Wekesa, I am Wafula. Moureen Khanjila Wafula.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Moureen Khanjila Wafula. Yes.

Hon. Moureen Wafula: Thank you, Hon. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to address the pupils of Muanda. I am a nominated MCA. I represent youths and women in this county. I am also a mother, a parent and a leader. I have a daughter who is also in Grade 9, who is going to do her exams, and I always tell her to respect teachers, to work hard and to always pray because the Bible says with prayers everything is possible. Nothing is impossible before

God. So, let me assure you that if you pray, have respect, respect your teachers, and respect your parents, you are going to do well in school.

Secondly, I want to tell you that in Muanda, you have a very good MCA, who is Hon. Sudi. He has been elected twice and we respect him. He is my senior. I am just urging you, when you go home, talk to your parents, talk to your teachers, so that they can be able to re-elect Hon. Sudi to fulfill his promises.

When I was seated, he told you that he is going to give all of you who are going to perform well bursaries, and I want Hon. Sudi to give bursaries to the students who are going to national schools. We want bursaries to go to the national schools, and to go to the national schools, you have to perform well. So, I am urging you, my daughters and sons, work hard. If you want to be in my position where I am standing now, you will have to work hard to be a leader of tomorrow. You are our leaders. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much. The Hon. Moureen Khanjila Wafula, Special Elected Member representing youth and women in this county. We now have the Hon. Edwin Wekesa Opwora.

Hon. Edwin Opwora: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, for giving me this opportunity to also welcome our pupils and laud Hon. Busolo Sudi for the good leadership he has provided for the last nine years, and now making next year maybe the 10th year and requesting for the third term. It is also an honour to say that Hon. Sudi is an alumnus of Friends School Kamusinga, including you, Hon. Speaker, and I believe that shaped his performance in this Assembly.

He is a good member of my Committee on Tourism, one of the key members that I rely on to push the agendas of the committee and a key player in this Assembly Leadership.

Even when you are giving guidance on matters of leadership in this House, at some point I thought, when I was coming in, leadership was pegged on the number of votes someone received. At some point, I knew that I was coming to be the Leader of Majority because I got the highest number of votes by then, but things were different on the ground here.

However, I wanted to take this opportunity to, first of all, thank the teachers and the parents of these pupils. I've been concerned with something that is now happening in our society about early pregnancies. As we talk now, I have a pupil from my ward who is in Bungoma Referral Hospital, and this is due to early pregnancy. She is a Grade 9 pupil, but due to the complications that are there, she's now in hospital. So, it is a serious concern that sometimes we parents are leaving this job to only teachers to teach about early sex or something relating to sex education.

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We fear to talk to our pupils about it, but it is a concern even when you look at the data. Right now, in Bungoma County, the number of early pregnancies among our kids is so high, and yes, we can blame society. We can blame maybe the new generation, but that guidance from our parents is lacking.

I just want to take this opportunity. I'm a father of boys, and I know here we have boys and girls. Please take your education seriously. There's a time for everything, and there's a season for everything. Right now, you're still in school, but if you engage in sexual activities, you'll be spoiling your life. As a House, I know all of us are parents. Let us continue advocating. Let us not fear this topic so that we save the current generation.

Otherwise, I want to wish them all the best, and I know when they go back, let them continue advocating for votes for Hon. Sudi so that next year he can give them bursaries. Thank you.

(Applause)

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you so much, the Hon. Edwin Wekesa Opwora, for your contribution. The Chair, Education, will sum up that session. The Hon. Jackson Wambulwa.

Hon. Jackson Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker. May I take this opportunity to thank the teachers and the students of Muanda Comprehensive for having come to benchmark with us in the County Assembly of Bungoma.

One thing I want to assure you, teachers, is that you made the right decision. Bungoma County Assembly is one of the best assemblies in Kenya. In fact, as I talk, you cannot even compare it to the Ugandan Parliament. Having been taken around with the students, you've seen how much we have done, and this has been partly by your Member, Hon. Sudi, supporting the initiative to put up infrastructure. You've seen the offices, the departments and even the Chamber.

To the students, as you are seated there, the one presiding is the Speaker. Ahead of him are the Clerks, who can guide him on matters to do with the Standing Orders and the constitutional matters, where Members could be asking and then you are seeing they are consulting. As I speak to you, I'm seated on the Majority side. This is the Majority side, where Hon. Sudi belongs, because he's a Member of the Majority, and where Hon. Sudi is seated next to Hon. Vitalis, even though he's not allowed to sit there, but today he's just going to sit there. He left his seat as the Deputy Chief Whip. This is for the Minority. That is the area for the Minority.

Students, be humble to your teachers. Always take their advice, and wherever you have a problem with a teacher, maybe not getting the lessons that he has taken you through, please feel free to follow up and ask the teacher to correct you. Don't assume you know everything.

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As you have seen, this House is full of professionals, starting with Hon. Sudi, who is a senior surveyor. He's a man who will be sitting here as a Member, but going out there within 30 minutes, he will be making millions. So, you cannot compare yourself to him. He did not just come here; he came because he wanted to serve the people. Be notified that we have doctors, we have lawyers; we have engineers in this House. We have CPAs in this House, and more so, we are also mixed.

We also have the *Wachurusis*, the cattle sellers, but they are professionals. This is a House that all of us can make it. I believe, if you believe in yourself and you work hard, you can join this House. When you join this House, you'll be coming to serve your people. Like you hear...

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Honourable Members, I want you to be orderly because Hon. Wambulwa is contributing, and I can see Hon. Hentry is trying to catch the eye of a Chair who is not... I don't know who the Chair is referring to. So, let's be orderly. Proceed, Hon. Wambulwa.

Hon. Jackson Wambulwa: Thank you, Honourable Speaker, for ruling. He assumed he's in a committee, forgetting he is in the Assembly. To you, students, I want to urge you to work hard.

I happen to come from Bumula. The majority of you are my relatives. The Bakhone clan are my in-laws.

The Bauma, who are amongst you, are my clan and I will always stand with Hon. Sudi to support your education. Like he has put it, we have the upcoming bursary, and I want to assure you, as Chair, Education, that it will be given out. One thing I've liked about Hon. Sudi is that he supports the local schools that are performing. So, it's upon you to work hard, pass your exams, so that you can get bursary from Hon. Sudi. He will be giving full bursaries for you to learn, so that you concentrate and don't go home.

As I sum up, at the end of the day, we are going to be with you. We are going to meet with you students as leaders who love education and make sure that today you go home with a loaf of bread.

Thank you.

Mr. Deputy Speaker: Thank you, Hon. Wambulwa, for your contribution. May I take this opportunity, therefore, to, on behalf of the County Assembly, on behalf of other Members who have not contributed, wish all the students all the best as they go back to prepare for their final assessment.

For the teachers, I want to appreciate what you are doing because the teacher is one who will answer a lot of questions because God has given unto you young lives to mould into

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meaningful human beings. So, I want to take this opportunity to join my colleagues in wishing you all the best and to wish that Muanda keeps on soaring high.

For Hon. Sudi is a good man here, a very wonderful Member of this House, being a Deputy Whip of the Majority. So, therefore, we want to urge that you support him back home, so that he can get the dreams to serve the people better, even more than what he has done. Thank you so much, and God bless you.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Deputy Speaker: With that, Honourable Members, there being no other business, the House stands adjourned to Tuesday next week.

The House rose at 3.32 p.m.