



GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE
MINISTRY OF FINANCE

PRESS RELEASE

PAYMENTS TO SUPPORT THE FREE QUALITY EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Ministry of Finance wishes to inform the general public that the Government of Sierra Leone, through the Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education, has made the following payments in support of the implementation of the Free Quality Education programme:

1. **School Fees Subsidy for the First Term of the 2019/2020 School Year:** the sum of **LE43,245,047,600** as school fees subsidy for the first term of the **2019/2020** academic year to **6,453** Government and Government-assisted schools for **2,046,188** pupils across the country.

The table below shows details of School Categories, Number of Pupils and Amount paid:

Summary of Tuition Fees for the First Term of the 2019/2020 Academic Year						
No.	School Levels	Number of Schools	Number of Pupils	Amount in Leones	Girl Child Payment	Amount due less Payment for Girl Child (LE)
1	Pre-Primary	318	31,704	332,050,000		332,050,000
2	Primary	4743	1,399,521	13,994,290,000		13,994,290,000
3	Junior Secondary	1,043	382,290	19,122,000,000	4,135,427,400	14,986,572,600
4	Senior Secondary	349	232,673	13,960,380,000	28,245,000	13,932,135,000
	Grand Total	6,453	2,046,188	47,408,720,000	4,163,672,400	43,245,047,600

2. **Final Payment for the Supply of 50 School Buses:** the sum of **LE21,682,779,707** was paid as final payment for the supply of 50 school buses to support the Free Quality Education.
3. **Second Instalment Payment for the Supply of Six Core Textbooks:** the sum of **LE63,064,477,099** was paid as second instalment payment for the supply of six core textbooks for Primary, Junior Secondary and Senior Secondary schools.

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