

# THE WEEK THAT WAS....

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# KISE PRESENTS ITS PROPOSED BILL ON LEARNERS WITH DISABILITIES TO THE SENATE



The Kenya Institute of Special Education (KISE) presented its recommendations on the proposed Bill for learners with disabilities to the Senate Committee. The Bill seeks to address gaps on quality education for all children including learners with disabilities. KISE tabled its proposal to be the certifying body for special needs teachers, act as the production centre for assistive devices, and conduct assessment and school placement of these learners. They also urged the Senate to consider reserving a seat for the Educational Assessment Resource Centre (EARC) office and the slot given to a representative of the persons with disabilities.

The Senate bill highlights the challenges affecting learners with disabilities and recognizes the need to improve infrastructure, provision of assistive technology and devices, and their wellbeing through equality, equity and non-discrimination in the provision of special needs education.

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*Deputy Director Finance, Madam Margaret Githanga engaging with Hon. Crystal Asige.*

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*The Senate committee seating together with KISE officials*

The Bill sponsored by nominated Senators, Hon. Prof. Margaret Kamar and Hon. Crystal Asige, will improve the needs of persons living with disabilities and give them an equal chance to participate in education.

Senators present during this submission on Thursday at the KICC grounds were: Hon Lenku Ole kanar of Kajiado County,

Hon. Muthama Agnes of Machakos County, Hon. Mwaruma Johnes of Taita Taveta, Hon. Crystal Asige, representing Persons with Disabilities and Hon. Prof Margaret Kamar of Uasin County. Other stakeholders in attendance included Mr. Harun Mr. Harun M. Hassan CEO National Council for Persons with Disability (NCPWD and Mr. Peter Sitenel, Head of Special School Association of Kenya.

## ELECTION OF NEW STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERS.

### 84% STUDENTS TURN OUT TO ELECT NEW STUDENT COUNCIL LEADERS.

Students from Diploma in Special Needs Education (SNE) came out in large numbers to elect their new student leaders who would serve for a period of one year. Through ballot process, 84% of the students turn out to vote for their favourable candidate. Mr. George Nyakado emerged the victor as the Chairperson, having secured 94 votes against his close rival Samson Markoko, at 71 votes. Pamela Wafula, Jonathan Olenyo and Jane Atitwa were elected unopposed for the office of Persons with Disabilities, Academic affairs, Sports and welfare (female) respectively.



*Mr. Ayub Oraro, casting his vote at the Lecture Hall.*



*From left: Mr. George Nyakado (chairperson-elect), Mr. Samson Markoko and Mr. Alphonse Msongareri*

Despite shortcomings on the use of technology, the electoral process was transparent, competitive, and democratic as observed by the dean of student, Mr. Christopher Lenguris. Other winners of the day were: Vice-chairperson - Phyllis Nyokabi, Secretary General - Diana Jeptoo, Treasurer- Zelder Kadenge, Catering and health Affairs - Herbert Agesa, Residential Affairs (male) - Wallace Kiringo, Residential Affairs (female) - Josephine Kibet, Sports and welfare (male) - Gabriel Makau.

We congratulate the newly elected leaders and wish them well as they serve this great institution.



*The Dean of students, Mr. Christopher Lenguris congratulating the chairperson-elect Mr. George Nyakado.*

# FLAG OFF 540KM RIDE FOR AUTISM AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NAIROBI.



*Mr. Peter Ndichu flags off 540km ride for Autism at the University of Nairobi.*

The Deputy Director Programs, Mr. Peter Ndichu, lead a team of assessors from KISE for the 4<sup>th</sup> ride for autism cyclist flag off at The University of Nairobi on Friday. The event organized by Dr. Sylvia Mochabo, founder of **ANDY SPEAKS 4 Special Needs Persons (SNP)** aimed at creating awareness on Autism by raising funds for a therapy center at Mnarani Primary School Kilifi County, as a commemoration of the World Autism Day celebrated on April 2.

Cyclists in support of this initiative kicked off the 540kms ride from Nairobi to Karissa Maitha grounds, Kilifi County.

The ceremony attended by the chief guest, The Deputy Governor of Kilifi County, Hon. Flora Mbetsa Chibule, acknowledged the significance of the day, urging the community to embrace and end the stigma on autism.

In attendance from various government bodies and institutions were: nominated Senator representing Persons with Disabilities, Hon. Crystal Asige, Vice Chancellor University of Nairobi, Prof. Stephen Kiama, Standard Digital (SG) Corporate affairs manager, Ms. Khadija Mohammed, National Council for Persons with Disability (NCPWD) Executive Director, Hon. Harun Hassan, Chief Officer for Gender, Culture and Social Services Kilifi County, Ms. Agnetta Karemba, Esther Muchiri from Special Olympics Kenya and Dean of students KISE, Mr. Christopher Lenguris.



*Dean of students, Mr. Christopher Lenguris.*



# Did you know...

## The Kenyan Sign Language is the third official language in Kenya?

The Constitution of Kenya, Chapter 8 (The Legislature), part 5 under clause 120 (1) states that: the official languages of Parliament shall be Kiswahili, English and Kenyan Sign language, and the business of Parliament may be conducted in English, Kiswahili and Kenyan Sign language.



### ASSESSMENT AND RESEARCH CENTRE (ARC)

**Assessment Playroom**

**Therapeutic Babypool**

**Huber 360**

**Adult and Child friendly Gym**

All these services are in our KISE Assessment Centre

### SERVICES PRICES

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SERVICES	CHARGES
Physiotherapy and occupational therapy services and speech therapy for adults	1000
Physiotherapy and occupational therapy and speech therapy services for paediatrics	100
Hydrotherapy services for adults	1500
Hydro therapy services for paediatrics	100

Assessment for school placement is free



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