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**Big ideas**

Excitement is all over schools as teachers and students are getting ready to welcome a new system of education. The system 2:6:3:3:3 replaced the 8:4:4 that have been used for many years. All that parents and guardians have been thinking is to make their children get higher grades and teachers too have been pressuring students to attain higher marks.

Pupils have been struggling to pass their Kenya Primary Examination to secure themselves a place in a better secondary school. Secondary schools is also where they sit in class for long hours as teachers make them achieve better than even in primary school for them to join universities.

Today a new curriculum has been started to equip students with more skills than just being exam oriented. They are helped engage in sports, dramas and music, education and they can be able to easily discover what they like most. Passion develops under what they are being exposed to. They have freedom to chose what they want to specialize in, what they want to become because they are given that chance to do so. They choose subjects that suit each one of them.

Students also can develop and express their talents as they work on their class work. The time given to them can even make parents realize that education is not all that is needed to make one become successful. Talents like playing football, singing or even dancing can make one famous and earn them a living.

We all know that as we get out of our home gates towards schools our parents always say ‘go and work hard’ and as we grew up, all they could talk about were education. They would even punish us for failing exams. Yes, it eradicate poverty but not for all the children in a family.

Teachers will no longer put students under pressure to pass exams and teaching just class work for long hours. They will find an easy time helping students find their field of interest by choosing the right subjects. Parents and guardians will also have roles to take in their children's education. They'll support them in school when needed, at home as this will help children have a good start, a good development with friendly environment for learning.

For the past years, complains of schools cheating during national exams have been reported. The new system will help greatly as cheating or rather exam irregularities will be reduced. Kenyan National Examinations will not be done so there will be no need to cheat because no school will be competing against the other.

Free education will help the poor students have themselves in their dream schools. Everyone will get a chance to enroll in schools and this is going to be a nice move as they will realize their dreams and build a future.

It allows enrolment of more students in school because everyone will afford. It used to be hard for those living in poverty to send their children to school before introduction of free education. Poverty now is expected to reduce as they will pull themselves out from those poor living conditions. Economy is going to improve because more literate people will be employed. The more they earn an income, the more the contribute to the country’s economy as a whole.

Again the mass transfer of school principals is a good move. Those schools in arid and semi-arid will have teachers. Most of them have been risking being sacked. They refuse to go to such schools because they just want a school in town or somewhere good forgetting that those in arid areas are students too who need to be taught.

Some principals were not performing their duties well so being transferred can help bring changes to that school. It will help uplift the school as new rules from new principals will be applied.

Performance will increase if a head teacher from a well performing school is taken to these struggling schools like day school. They will employ new learning programs. Some will struggle to clear school debts to have a new start.

Transfer of teachers will lead to culture exchange because different tribes will move to different schools. This is an important move because it will promote togetherness, one Kenya. Tribalism will be reduced.