



**GOVERNMENT OF SIERRA LEONE**  
**MINISTRY OF BASIC AND SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**LIFTING OF BAN ON SCHOOL CELEBRATIONS**

The public will recall that following the approval by parliament of a state of emergency on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2020 as a measure to fight against the COVID-19 pandemic, several non-pharmacological interventions were rolled out by the National Corona Virus Emergency Response Center (NaCOVERC). The Ministry of Basic and Senior Secondary Education (MBSSE) on its part closed schools and subsequently imposed a ban on all co-curricular activities including sports and school celebrations when schools reopened in October 2020.

The MBSSE is pleased to announce that following the lifting of the s curfew and relaxation of other related emergency measures, the ban on school celebrations is hereby partially suspended with immediate effect.

School heads and all stakeholders are however advised to inform the Deputy Directors of Education of their programs and activities. Furthermore, during any such celebrations, all COVID-19 protocols and public health regulations, including the use of face masks should be strictly adhered to by all.

The MBSSE will continue to work with NaCOVERC regarding the status of other restrictions especially sporting activities and will communicate with stakeholders as appropriate.

MBSSE is also aware of the numerous deliberate misinformation about education activities on social media and wishes to encourage members of the public to always contact any of our district education offices or head quarter to seek clarification on any matter of doubt.

**Thank you very much for helping us help the children of Sierra Leone.**

**Director- School Quality Assurance Resources and Management Directorate (SQARM)**

