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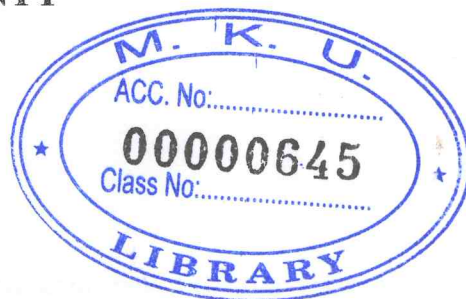
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**AN INVESTIGATION INTO PUBLIC PRIMARY SCHOOLS DROPOUTS
IN NGINDA AND ICHAGAKI LOCATIONS IN MARAGWA DIVISION IN
MURANG'A COUNTY**

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Abstract

Primary school drop out is still prevalent among primary schools in Nginda and Ichagaki locations in Murang'a county despite government introduction and implementation of Free Primary Education(FPE).

Primary school dropout as a project of research is important because education lays foundation for life long education and enables the recipients to participate effectively in the society. School dropout is a drawback to the economic growth of the country and a loss to both the parents and the society in general. It challenges the achievements of the government's policy on primary education "Universal Primary Education(UPE) by 2005", which is key strategy on attaining the overall Education For All (EFA)goal by 2015.

A research was carried out on the rate of primary school dropout and the main causes of dropout in Ichagaki and Nginda locations of Maragwa Division Murang'a County.

Various primary schools were sampled, in each of the schools the head teachers, teachers and pupils will be involved.

All the respondents were taken from the sample.

From the information gathered it was possible to unveil the causes of primary school dropout in Nginda and Ichagaki locations of Maragwa Division ,Murang'a county. Some recommendations to the stake holders i.e. education officials, parents, pupils, teachers, administrators and community members are given with the hope to reduce the rate of dropout of primary school in Murang'a county.