

# Nagaland Board of School Education Kohima

## **NOTIFICATION No. 105/2023** Dated Kohima, the 29<sup>th</sup> November 2023

No.NBE-1/Ex-9/2023-24 :: This notification is in continuation of letter No.NBE-8/Ad-Misc (10) 2023-24/2135 dated Kohima, the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023 where the office had expressed its important concerns pertaining to school dropouts. The Board is of the opinion that a periodical connection with the schools is of paramount importance if the system is to improve.

Today, with the National Education Policy 2020 in place, we the educational planners which include all stakeholders, the sister departments of Education, Schools, parents' community and most importantly the students' community need to understand this important fact that without a change, things cannot progress. This change has to be in thoughts, attitudes and action.

Present day education focuses more on life skills and not on numerical numbers or grades. It focuses on ensuring students to be achievers with problem solving ability and take right decisions. These skills, once they acquire will enable them to brace the challenges of life to become productive and resourceful in life.

The Board in its totality urges all schools to conduct the Class VIII and Class IX Phase II examinations 2023 in a fair manner and also ensure that the students are evaluated fairly.

In letter No.NBE-8/Ad-Misc(10)2023-24/2135 dated Kohima, the 15<sup>th</sup> July 2023, Class IX result over the years is dismal. **The failure/drop-out rate at Class IX is very high comparing across the other classes.** There could be many reasons but what is very disturbing is that in order to get a good percentage at HSLC Examination result, schools may be adopting the practice of dropping students at Class IX Final Examination.

This practice is becoming detrimental to the educational ladder in the state. The slow learners are not getting much of the support which they should get. Many are being left out on the way. Percentage or Result is important but that is not the ultimate goal of providing education.

The ultimate goal is to give a meaningful education to the students for a better tomorrow. Schools must try their best to give a good foundation at the lower level and nurture their potentials so that they can cope up at the latter years.

Since the inception of the Board, the schools registered with it were always encouraged to grow in one or many dimensions. With the years willowing on, the competition levels have also lifted up to a certain stage where the pass percentage (%) got a tagmark, which is now having an impact on the educational health of the state.

Therefore, from the HSLC & HSSLC Examinations 2024, School-wise pass percentage (%) will not be shown in the Result Gazette.

Status or Rank of the school is important, every school should strive to go high but the Board believes that the academic health or rather the growth of a student is more important where the school can skill or mentor the students in a desirable path or direction as envisaged in NEP 2020. Another important thing which all schools need to note, the Class IX Phase II Examination starts from 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023. The Board is deeply interested to study and pursue how far this initiative (phase-wise examination) is pushing forward the system.

In this regard, all schools conducting the Class IX Phase II Examination shall submit the following within 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024:

- (i) The answerscripts of all the students who failed in Phase II along with the attendance records. The answerscripts of the failed students can be sent by registered Speed Post addressed to the Secretary, NBSE.
- (ii) Schools must give a proper justification if a student who was absent/sick and couldn't appear the examination (Phase II).
- (iii) Schools shall also give the number of remedial teaching days and in each subject.

On remedial teachings /classes, the Board is in receipts of reports and many schools conduct it sincerely but at the same time, it also receives reports of a different picture in some schools. Another disturbing issue arising now in social media is that some institutions are conducting selection test or special test so as to allow them to fill up the examination forms. Some students do not fare well in these tests and supposedly they are asked to pay some fees per subject if they are to fill up the forms. The Board officially has not received any such reports **but would like to caution all institutions to kindly refrain from such practices**.

Considering all the above inputs and suggestions, all registered schools are directed to take necessary measures to strengthen the educational system of the state.

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( Asano Sekhose ) Chairman

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### A. Copy for information & necessary action:

1. All the Heads of Registered Schools under NBSE.

# B. Copy for information:

- 1. The P.S. to Advisor, School Education & SCERT for kind information of the Hon'ble Advisor.
- 2. The Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Department of School Education & SCERT, Kohima, Nagaland.
- 3. The State Mission Director, Samagra Shiksha, Nagaland.
- 4. The Principal Director, School Education, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 5. The Director, School Education, Nagaland, Kohima
- 6. The Director, SCERT, Nagaland, Kohima.
- 7. All the DEOs/Sr. SDEOs/SDEOs, Nagaland

Asano Sekhose Chairman