

Dear Sir

Who's going to send the previous education ministers to the principal's office for failing to do their homework regarding absenteeism? We need a firm approach to dealing with these issues at schools. Give competent Principals the power to deal effectively with truancy and ill discipline

I mean really, why now? Why regulate school absenteeism at this point in time? Why not ten years ago when it wasn't so prevalent and easy to combat?

Kids need to be at school and on time. They need to be educated to turn this so-called World Class City into a REAL World Class City. This should have been the norm ages ago.

The Provincial Education department should be providing advice and support to Principals of schools. A dictatorial approach simply invites friction and confrontation between officials and School Heads. An idealistic approach by officials who are pure theorists and have never headed a school as a Principal, really compounds the problem and does nothing to resolve the issue at hand .

We have very competent Principals at our top academic schools. Leave them to do their jobs.

Yours sincerely,
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