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STATUS

Mwangaza College reopened on January 4, 2021, following health guidelines from the government, including hand washing, mask use and physical distance. While the school is open, not all students have returned due to financial hardship since many parents lost their jobs and cannot pay tuition. Additionally, some families moved to rural homes, too far from the school to allow students to attend.



PRECAUTIONS



Some classes are divided so students attend either in the morning or afternoon to allow for physical distance. Face masks, hand-washing stations and temperature checks are also in place at Mwangaza. Additionally, the school has held workshops to educate students and staff on safety measures to stop the spread of COVID-19.



IMPACT

In addition to the struggles faced by students and staff, COVID-19 has significantly impacted the school itself. Student enrollment has decreased from 400 to 148, which has caused financial difficulties in paying bills, including paying the salaries of staff.



DONATIONS



Mwangaza used twinning donations to help reopen the school, including by purchasing face masks and sanitizer and hiring a counselor to lead the COVID-19 workshops. Mwangaza could use financial support to buy additional masks and sanitizer, along with additional thermometers for taking temperatures. The school is also working to support students who have been impacted financially, along with focusing on the mental and social health of female students who became pregnant during the school closure.

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A LETTER FROM BROTHER OSCAR OKOTH, FSC

Dear Lasallians in our twinned schools,

Greetings from Mwangaza College. We thank God for his protection up to this moment. I am sure it has been a difficult time for us all due to COVID-19. So many people have lost jobs, some have lost loved ones, and some have also lost homes. Despite these challenges, we thank God for life he has given us, and we continue to pray for the best.



I want to thank you for all for the support you continuously give us. It has been so helpful to us in assisting needy students and providing essential facilities within the college. I pray the good Lord will continue to bless you all for your generous heart of giving in helping people in need.

May we continue to hold each other in prayer and also pray for healing in the world, and more so for our Lasallian brothers and sisters who have been affected by this pandemic. I am looking forward this year to engage with you more on Skype or Zoom, so that we can interact more and share experiences with our students.

Thank you again.

God bless,

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