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Sir/Madam,

### **2010 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATIONS RESULTS**

The Botswana Examinations Council has released the 2010 Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE). A total of **41524** candidates wrote the examination, a decrease of 1.64% from the 2009 examinations. Of this number **6272 (15.1%)** obtained grade **A**, **7850 (18.9%)** grade **B**, **14692 (35.4%)** grade **C**, **12145 (29.3%)** grade **D**, **540 (1.3%)** grade **E** and 24 candidates were ungraded.

Performance in this year's examinations shows a slight decline at Grade A with 15.1% of the candidature awarded this grade compared to 15.3% in 2009. The proportion of candidates awarded grade B is 18.9% compared to 17.2% in 2009 showing a slight improvement at this grade.

Also for this year, 35.4% of candidate obtained grade C showing a slight decrease of 0.2% while 29.3% obtained grade D showing a slight decrease as compared to the 30.8% of the previous year while the performance of candidates awarded grade E has not changed from that of the previous year.

Overall, there is a slight increase in the percentage of candidates awarded grades A to C, with 69.4% in 2010 compared to 68.2% in 2009.

The slight improvement above may be attributed to improvements in overall performance in English, Science, Social Studies and Religious and Moral Education.

Most District Councils show some improvements in performance except Jwaneng, Lobatse, Kweneng and Kgalagadi and the City and Town Councils performed better than the District Councils.

There is a decline in performance in Setswana, Mathematics and Agriculture. The results in Agriculture show that the performance in the subject was extremely below standard in the questions that focus on the practical components.

Girls have performed better than boys across all subjects showing a similar trend as of the previous years.

Candidates are encouraged to get their results through the SMS technology by sending "PSLE" then their center number (**4digits**) and their student numbers (**3digits**) to **71312285**.

For example, **PSLE 0101 001** separating the three; PSLE, Center Number and Student Number **by spacing**.

The results could also be checked on our website at [www.bec.co.bw](http://www.bec.co.bw).

For further information please contact the BEC Public Relations office at **3650700**.

Thank you.

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