

Stop overbearing teachers on social media use KNUT tells TSC

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BOMET — Kenya National Union of Teachers (KNUT) Secretary-General Collins Henry Oyuu has urged the Teachers Service Commission (TSC) to adopt a balanced approach in regulating teachers' use of social media, saying the platforms are important for communication, learning and professional development.

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KNUT Secretary-General Collins Henry Oyuu addresses teachers during a past function.

BALANCED APPROACH



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He also urged teachers to uphold professional standards, noting that they are role models who help shape society and are therefore expected to conduct themselves responsibly both online and offline.

Teachers must uphold professional standards – Oyuu

He urged teachers to remain professional, warning that their conduct is closely watched because of their influence on learners and society.

"Teachers are role models to the learners and shape society. They will be judged harshly by their actions," he said.

Oyuu's comments come amid growing concern over teachers' conduct on social media, with the TSC in recent months warning that teachers must avoid posts that undermine their professional image or bring the teaching profession into disrepute.

The union boss called on the Commission to engage teachers before issuing sweeping directives.



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BACKS RUTO

Oyuu also declared his support for President William Ruto's administration, citing what he described as gains in the education sector, including the recruitment of more than 100,000 teachers in three years.

He said KNUT must work with the government of the day to advance teachers' interests and declared that he had no apology for supporting Ruto for another term.

The remarks come as political activity intensifies ahead of the 2027 General Election.

SUPPORTING TEACHERS WITH DISABILITIES

Oyuu spoke in Bomet during an event organised by the Mutai Foundation and partners to support teachers with special needs.

He was accompanied by KNUT First National Vice-Chairman Malel Langat, PWD NEC representative Edward Olando and NEC member Alfred Rop.

The event brought together KNUT and KUPPET officials, TSC Bomet County Director Daniel Kioko, the County Commissioner and county government representatives.

Oyuu reaffirmed KNUT's commitment to the welfare, dignity and inclusion of teachers with disabilities.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES DONATED

During the event, teachers with special needs received assistive devices, including wheelchairs, crutches, white canes and walking frames.