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Dear KF Sponsors:

In November 2008, ten Grade 9 students sponsored by Kucetekela Foundation (KF) took the Grade 9 Zambian National Examination. This national examination is taken by all students in Zambia, both in government and private schools at the end of Grade 9. The primary purpose of the examination is to stratify and place government school students at secondary schools. Although secondary school in Zambia begins in Grade 8, many government primary schools include Grade 8 and Grade 9 classes. In Zambia, there are fewer places in government secondary schools than applicants. Therefore, the Grade 9 examination results determines whether or not a student is offered a place in a government secondary school by setting a “pass/fail” mark based on the number of available positions. Additionally, the results of the Grade 9 examination determine at which secondary school each student is offered a place.

In the case of the KF scholars, because they attend a private school, the results of this national examination are helpful to evaluate their achievement in comparison to their classmates and peers at government schools. Our partner schools also use the Grade 9 examination results to gauge the quality of their school’s education in comparison to their government school counterparts. In 2008, there were 10 KF scholars who took the exam; 5 students from Ibex Hill Secondary School and 5 students from Leopards Hill Secondary School.

We are extremely proud to share with you the results for the KF students. We have summarized the examination information below. Enclosed please find the individual score report for your sponsored student.

School results:

- *National Examination passing mark:* 333 (girls); 367 (boys) [out of 600 points]
- Ibex Hill Secondary School
 - Average score = 385
 - Highest score = 510* (KF scholar)
- Leopards Hill Secondary School
 - Average score = 422
 - Highest score = 518* (KF scholar)

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KF Scholar results:

- KF students earned the highest score at both Ibex Hill and Leopards Hill Schools
 - Gaella Kabeya (exam score = 518) – Leopards Hill School
 - Iwell Banda (exam score = 510) – Ibex Hill School
- KF students earned the top 4 scores at Leopards Hill School (out of 21 students)
- KF students earned the 1st, 4th, and 5th highest scores at Ibex Hill School (out of 50 students)
- ***100% passing rate***
- Average score = **472**

Congratulations to all the KF students for an excellent performance in their Grade Nine exams. Thank you very much for your continued support of KF and these outstanding students.

Sincerely,

Florence Nkowane
Executive Director