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## PRESS RELEASE

### 2018 PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING EXAMINATION (PSLE) RESULTS RELEASED

Botswana Examinations Council (BEC) has released the **2018** Primary School Leaving Examinations (PSLE) results. A total of **46 432** (Forty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Thirty Two) candidates wrote the 2018 examination showing an increase in candidature of 4.5% from the 2017 candidature of **44 427** (Forty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Twenty Seven). The 2018 cohort had **23 425** (50.45%) females and **23 007** (49.55%) males. The female candidates outperformed their male counterparts in all subjects.

The 2018 PSLE overall performance indicates that the proportion of candidates obtaining credit grades (**Grade C or better**) went up by 1.20% from 71.62% in 2017 to 72.82% in 2018. The percentage of candidates obtaining Grade A in this examination has gone up by 2.15% from 17.11% recorded in 2017 to 19.26% this year. Currently there are 19.14% of candidates at Grade B compared to 18.78% in 2017, representing a slight increase of 0.36%. At the pass grades (**Grades D and E**), the proportion of candidates at Grade D has decreased by 2.04% from 21.62% in 2017 to 19.58% in 2018. However, there has been an increase of 0.99% from 6.55% in 2017 to 7.54% in 2018 at Grade E.

#### Symbols used in the Results

- **U** denotes that a candidate did not meet the minimum requirements for Grade **E**.

- **X** denotes that a candidate did not meet the minimum requirements for the award of a syllabus grade.

The summary of the 2018 PSLE results is as follows:

<b>Symbol/Grade</b>	<b>Candidature</b>	<b>Percentage</b>	<b>Cumulative</b>
<b>Grade A</b>	8941	19.26%	19.26%
<b>Grade B</b>	8887	19.14%	38.40%
<b>Grade C</b>	15963	34.38%	72.78%
<b>Grade D</b>	9094	19.58%	92.36%
<b>Grade E</b>	3501	7.54%	99.90%
<b>U</b>	29	0.06%	99.96%
<b>X</b>	17	0.04%	100%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>46432</b>	<b>100%</b>	

The distribution of the results will be done as follows:

1. **Individual Candidates:** Candidates will be able to access the results through the BEC Website **www.bec.co.bw** as well as through the SMS line **16688** across all mobile networks.
2. **Distribution to centres:** Centres will also be granted access to view and print the results reports through the Malepa application.
3. **Distribution to Regional Offices:** The Regional and Sub-Regional Heads will also be able to access the results through the Malepa application.

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Thank you.

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