

THE SPEECH PRESENTED BY THE HONOURABLE COMMISSIONER FOR EDUCATION, HONOURABLE OLAYINKA FOLORUNSO OLADOYIN, IN COMMEMORATION OF THE OFFICIAL INAUGURATION OF THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS (BOGs) FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN THE STATE OF OSUN, ON WEDNESDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER, 2020 AT OSOGBO GRAMMAR SCHOOL, OSOGBO.

His Excellency, the Executive Governor of the State of Osun,

The Deputy Governor, Osun State,

The secretary to the State Government, State of Osun,

The Special Adviser to the Governor on Education,

The Permanent Secretaries here present,

The Coordinating Director, Ministry of Education,

All the Tutors-General here present,

All the Directors of Ministry of Education,

The Principals and representatives of ANCOPSS,

The Chairmen, Board of Governors, and all other stakeholders,

Gentlemen of the Press,

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is my pleasure to welcome you to this milestone occasion for the consolidation of the State Government's efforts at accelerating educational development. Education is an effective tool to promote transformation and development of individuals and the nation, from the point of ignorance to the state of enlightenment and self-awareness. As a result, any nation that aspires to progress in the comity of nations, should prioritize education sector. Since formal school is a veritable vehicle for transmitting culture and inculcation of the relevant knowledge, there must be a smooth collaboration between schools and the society. This fact underscores the educational policy of the State Government under the leadership of His Excellency, Alhaji Isiaka Adegboyega Oyetola.

The current administration deems it necessary as parts, of full implementation of education reform to institute and inaugurate the Board of Governors (BOGs) for all public schools across the State. This is to ensure effective governance in our schools. Education is in two parts namely: learning and character modeling. That is why we are decentralizing and devolving authority to Board of Governors for school governance and the principals for school management. For clarity purpose, principals are for the day to day management of schools and the BOGs for school governance.

To this extent, the term of references for BOGs are as follows:

- i. Collaborate with the school management to develop a school infrastructure development plan covering 10 years in the first instance.

- ii. Engage parents of pupils in the school to be supportive and responsible parents
- iii. Assisting with students' motivation to make them teachable.
- iv. Assisting with school self-evaluation and examination analysis.
- v. Mobilizing parents and old students to assist in the maintenance of the school infrastructures and improvement of the quality of instructions.
- vi. Any other efforts that may foster the delivery of the 21st century education in our school.

Henceforth, it is our intention to analyze results of external examinations and rank our schools accordingly. The schools would be ranked in four categories as: Outstanding, Good, Low performing and Failed as the last category. You, are therefore, charged that your school falls into Outstanding and Good category. That is when your efforts will be appreciated. Anything short of this, is an indication of failure in your duties. Government would do her parts to ensure the successful discharge of your responsibilities. You are to do everything to ensure that your school excel. This is your invaluable contributions which is voluntary and does not attract any monetary reward, but your names will be written in gold in the sands of time.

Ladies and Gentlemen, for the avoidance of ambiguity, the composition of Board of Governors is as follows:

- Two representatives of Old Students Association in which one of them is the chairman.
- Two representatives of parents' forum.
- One representative of former principals of the school.
- One incumbent principal of the school
- One representation of the teachers who will be the secretary of BOGs.
- Two clergy men-one Muslim Clergy and one Christian Clergy

The tenure of BOGs members is three years in the first instance and is renewable depending on the performance of the team.

I heartily thank you for volunteering yourself to serve as the BOGs chairmen, and I also commend the principals, and other stakeholders, for giving us good heads to steer the progressive transformation of our schools, and for attending this epoch-making occasion.

I thank you all.