

PART 4 - GCLOBA RECORD OF STEWARDSHIP AND PRIORITIES FOR THE FUTURE

Dear GCLOBA Member,

GCLOBA ENGAGING WITH THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON REHABILITATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS IN LAGOS STATE

On 4th November, 2019, a special committee on rehabilitation of public schools in Lagos State was inaugurated. Among others, the Committee was given the mandate to undertake detailed assessment of the structural, electrical and environmental rehabilitation needs of public schools in Lagos State and award contracts as approved by Mr. Governor, through the Honourable Commissioner for Education.

This was a first step in fulfilling Mr. Governor's promise to deliver 'A Greater Lagos', including "scaling up and accelerating school rehabilitation programs to renovate dilapidated schools and provide adequate furniture and tools for every child in public schools in Lagos".

This declared policy was in line with GCLOBA's agitations of many years and more recently our clamour for an upgrade back to Model College Status.

National Executive therefore set to work to engage with the Committee and make a case for special attention to Government College Lagos to enable her receive necessary rehabilitation consistent with our Legacy as a Model College.

Towards this, the Chairman of the Committee, Mr. Hakeem Smith, visited GCL on Saturday 15th February, 2020 to conduct a preliminary assessment.

To assist the process, National Executive engaged Principals of both Junior and Senior Secondary School to ascertain the precise needs of our Alma Mater to enable GCLOBA make a case on her behalf.

Thereafter on 20th February, 2020, we wrote to the Chairman, Special Committee on Rehabilitation of Public Schools to present our case and outlined the specific rehabilitative needs particularly to support the intended Model College upgrade. A letter to the same effect was addressed to Mr. Governor on 24th February, 2020.

Please find attached acknowledged copies of both letters.

Following our representations, the Committee responded (pre-lockdown) by sending a full team of professionals to carry out a detailed study and assessment of GCL needs to enable the Committee prepare its report and recommendations.

Thank you.

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