

NATIONAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA (NAPTAN)

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THE NATIONAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA HELD ITS 66TH NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING ON WEDNESDAY 18TH AND THURSDAY 19TH MARCH 2009 AT ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS, 191, BABS ANIMASHAUN ROAD, SURULERE, LAGOS. THE MEETING WAS WELL ATTENDED BY NATIONAL OFFICERS AND STATE PTA LEADERS FROM THE 36 STATES OF NIGERIA, INCLUDING F.C.T. ABUJA.

NEC MEMBERS DELIBERATED EXHAUSTIVELY ON VERY TOPICAL ISSUES AFFECTING THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN AS WELL AS THE SOCIAL, CULTURAL, POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS IN RELATION TO THE CITIZENS OF NIGERIA AND FINALLY RESOLVED AS FOLLOW:

(1) HON. MINISTER

NEC - IN - SESSION WELCOME ON BOARD THE NEW HONOURABLE MINISTER OF EDUCATION DR. SAM EGWU. THE ASSOCIATION IS SINCERELY HOPEFUL THAT THE LINGERING PROBLEMS FACING EDUCATION WOULD RECEIVE URGENT SOLUTION. THE ASSOCIATION CONGRATULATES THE HONOURABLE MINISTER AND PLEDGE ITS FULL SUPPORT TOWARDS THE PROVISION OF QUALITY EDUCATION FOR OUR CHILDREN.

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Grand Patron: ALHAJI CHIEF DR. ABDUL WAHAB IYANDA FOLAWIYO, CON, Chancellor, Crescent University, Abeokuta, Nigeria.
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NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (2006-2009)

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(2) UBE PROGRAMME

NAPTAN IS WORRIED THAT THE PRESENT ADMINISTRATION OF THE UNIVERSAL BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAMME IS NO LONGER OPEN AND CLEARLY UNDERSTOOD BY THE STAKEHOLDERS. NEC - IN - SESSION THEREFORE SERIOUSLY CALL ON THE PRESENT EXECUTIVE SECRETARY AND OTHER ADMINISTRATORS OF UBE PROGRAMMES THROUGHOUT THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA TO RECOGNISE THE LOFTY AIMS AND OBJECTIVES FOR WHICH THE FOUNDING FATHERS OF NAPTAN AND OTHER WELL FOCUSED STAKEHOLDERS PRESENTED TO THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY TO SECURE THE PASSAGE OF THE UBE ACT.

(3) SUMMIT CONFERENCE

NEC - IN - SESSION SERIOUSLY NOTED THAT ALL IS NOT WELL IN THE EDUCATION SECTOR OF THE COUNTRY IN ALL THE THREE TIERS OF EDUCATION. IN VIEW OF THE SEVERAL SHORT-COMINGS, THE ASSOCIATION REITERATES ITS EARLY CALL ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO INSTITUTE A NATIONAL RESCUE SUMMIT CONFERENCE WITHOUT ANY FURTHER DELAY TO INVOLVE ALL STAKEHOLDERS ON THE EDUCATION OF OUR CHILDREN TO TACKLE PROPER FUNDING, MANAGEMENT OF EDUCATION AT THE PRIMARY, SECONDARY AND TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS AND FINALLY COME OUT WITH A BLUE PRINT THAT WILL STAND THE TEST OF TIME AND MEET UP WITH DEVELOPED COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD.

(4) EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE

NEC - IN - SESSION NOTED THAT THE YEAR 2009 EXTERNAL EXAMINATION FOR OUR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION AND OTHERS IS ALREADY AROUND. PARENTS THEREFORE CALLS ON VARIOUS BODIES CONCERNED WITH THE CONDUCT OF EXTERNAL EXAMS, INCLUDING STUDENTS TO STAND CLEAR OF ANY EXAMINATION MALPRACTICE. NEC - IN - SESSION CALLS ON PARENTS TO DISCHARGE THEIR RESPONSIBILITIES ON THEIR CHILDREN BY SENDING THEM TO SCHOOL

ON TIME, AND KEEPING A TAG ON THEIR CHILDREN BOTH AT HOME AND IN THE SCHOOL IN ORDER NOT TO ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES WITH BAD COMPANIES.

NAPTAN CALLS ON STATE PTA LEADERS TO CONTINUE TO ORGANISE SEMINAR/WORKSHOP TO ENLIGHTEN PARENTS ON THE IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION OF THEIR CHILDREN AND ALSO ADVISE GOVERNMENT ON HOW TO MOVE EDUCATION ON.

(5) NYSC

NEC - IN - SESSION NOTED THAT THE YEAR 2009 YOUTH SERVICE CORPS HAD ALREADY STARTED. THE ASSOCIATION HAVING NOTED THE GREAT BENEFITS DERIVED FROM THE PROGRAMME, SUPPORTS THE CONTINUITY OF THE PROGRAMME. IT HOWEVER CALLED ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO REINVIGORATE AND OVERHAUL THE SCHEME WITH BETTER SECURITY FOR THE LIVES AND HEALTH OF THE SERVING YOUTH CORPERS, TO AVOID REPETITION OF LOSS OF LIVES DURING JOS CRISIS AND SPREAD OF MENINGITIS IN ADAMAWA CORPERS CAMPS. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT MUST PUMP MORE MONEY INTO THE PROGRAMME TO ENSURE THAT ALL QUALIFIED GRADUATES OF EVERY ACADEMIC SESSION ARE ALL INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAMME. EMPHASIS SHOULD BE PLACED ON SKILL ACQUISITION AND SOCIAL INTERACTION DURING THE SERVICE YEAR TO REDUCE HIGH RATE OF UNEMPLOYMENT AND POSSIBLY GENERATE SELF EMPLOYMENT. THERE IS ALSO THE NEED TO PROVIDE ADEQUATE SECURITY MEASURE BY EACH STATE GOVERNMENT SO AS TO ENSURE THAT PEACE CONTINUE TO REIGN SUPREME DURING THE SERVICE PERIOD.

(6) SUPERVISION

NEC - IN - SESSION OBSERVED WITH DISMAY THE AREA OF SUPERVISION NEGLECT IN OUR SCHOOLS SYSTEM WHICH IS QUITE AFFECTING THE PROGRESS AND DEVELOPMENT OF EDUCATION IN OUR VARIOUS SCHOOLS.

WE URGE ALL THE SUPERVISORS CONCERNED TO LIVE UP TO EXPECTATION, AND THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD ENSURE THAT ALL THOSE INVOLVED SHOULD BE CALLED TO ORDER.

INADEQUATE MANPOWER IN EDUCATION

NEC - IN - SESSION OBSERVE THAT OUR PRIMARY SCHOOLS IN SOME STATES IN THE FEDERATION ARE NOT SUPPLIED WITH ENOUGH TEACHERS TO DELIVER QUALITY EDUCATION. NEC - IN - SESSION THEREFORE APPEALS TO THE GOVERNORS OF THE STATES CONCERNED TO SHOW MORE ATTENTION FOR THE PROPER DEVELOPMENT OF THESE YOUTHS WHO ARE THE LEADERS OF TOMORROW BY PROVIDING THEM WITH ENOUGH TEACHERS AND ALL OTHER NECESSARY INPUTS.

(7) CHILD ABUSE

NEC - IN - SESSION SUPPORTS THE BOLD STEPS THAT HAD BEEN TAKEN BY THE LAGOS STATE GOVERNMENT THROUGH THE COMMISSIONER FOR WOMEN AFFAIRS AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (WAPA) MRS. JOKE ORELOPE ADEFULRE ON CHILD ABUSE. ANY BODY WHO VIOLATES THE PROVISION OF THE STATE'S CHILD RIGHT LAW WHICH PREVENTS PARENTS AND GUARDIANS AND OTHERS FROM MALTREATING CHILDREN IN LAGOS STATE WOULD BE FINED A SUM OF ₦200,000 OR GO TO JAIL. NAPTAN BELIEVED THAT THE LAW WILL GO A LONG WAY IN KEEPING OUT CHILDREN ESPECIALLY THE GIRL CHILD FROM THE EVILS OF LURKING AROUND. IT WOULD ALSO ENABLE MORE CHILDREN TO BE STAYING IN SCHOOL. THE ASSOCIATION NOTED THAT A LOT OF CHILDREN ARE STILL MOVING ABOUT THE STREETS, YET TO BE IN SCHOOL. SOME BECOMES URCHINS WHILE SOME BECOME PROBLEMS TO THE STATE GOVERNMENT. ALL EFFORTS SHOULD THEREFORE BE MADE TO ENLIST THE INTEREST OF THE VERY MANY STREET CHILDREN THAT SHOULD BE IN SCHOOL.

(8) INFERNO AT HOSTELS

THE NATIONAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA LEARNT WITH SYMPATHY THE INFERNO WHICH GUTTED THE ANNUNCIATION GIRLS JUNIOR,

OGOJA, CROSS RIVER STATE RECENTLY. THE FIRE AS REPORTED WAS THE OUTCOME OF POWER SURGE AND MOST OF THE PROPERTIES OF THE GIRLS WORTH MILLIONS OF NAIRA WERE CONSUMED BY THE INFERNO. PARENTS ALL OVER NIGERIA THANKED GOD THAT NO LIFE WAS LOST IN THE INCIDENT. PARENTS COMMISERATE WITH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITY, THE ENTIRE PARENTS BODY AND THE CROSS RIVER STATE EDUCATION COMMISSION, AS WELL AS THE STATE GOVERNOR FOR THE MISHAP. THE ASSOCIATION THANKED THE CROSS RIVER STATE CITIZENS FOR THE RELIEF MATERIALS AND ASSURED THE GIRLS THAT ALL WOULD BE WELL AND THAT THE INCIDENT WOULD NOT AFFECT THEIR EDUCATION.

IN THE SAME VEIN, NAPTAN SYMPATHIZED WITH THE SCHOOL AUTHORITY OF SULTAN MACCIDO INSTITUTE FOR QURAN AND GENERAL STUDIES, SOKOTO FOR THE FIRE OUTBREAK WHICH OF RECENT DESTROYED STUDENTS PROPERTIES. THE INCIDENT REPORTEDLY HAPPENED WHEN STUDENTS WERE ATTENDING EVENING CLASSES. WE THEREFORE THANKED ALLAH THAT NO LIFE WAS LOST AND THAT THE STUDENTS HAD BEEN RELOCATED.

NAPTAN REITERATES ITS EARLIER CALL THAT ALL SCHOOLS IN NIGERIA, ESPECIALLY BOARDING, SHOULD HAVE FIRE EXTINGUISHERS WITH TRAINED STUDENTS/ARTISANS WHILE THE CALL NUMBERS OF FIRE EXTINGUISHER SERVICES DEPARTMENT OF EACH SCHOOL MUST BE MADE AVAILABLE TO SCHOOLS.

- (9) ^{SUPER EAGLES} NEC - IN - SESSION CONVEYS THEIR SINCERE APPRECIATION TO THE SUPER EAGLES FOR THEIR EFFORTS TO QUALIFY FOR THE WORLD CUP HOLDING IN SOUTH AFRICA IN 2010. THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT NIGERIA HAS A CROP OF DEDICATED PLAYERS WHO COULD STAND THE TEST OF TIME. PARENTS CALL ON ALL NIGERIANS TO GIVE A MASSIVE SUPPORT TOWARDS THE SUCCESS OF THE SUPER EAGLES IN THE CRUCIAL GAME AGAINST MOZAMBIQUE AND ANY OTHER GAMES CONFRONTING THEM. PARENTS WISH THE SUPER EAGLES A TREMENDOUS SUCCESS IN THEIR QUEST FOR WINNING THE WORLD CUP.


(10) HIV/AIDS

NAPTAN NOTED WITH CONCERN THE CONTINUED SPREAD OF HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IN NIGERIA. THE ASSOCIATION SINCERELY APPRECIATE THE MOBILISATION EFFORTS OF GOVERNMENTS, INTERNATIONAL DONOR ORGANISATIONS, VARIOUS NON GOVERNMENTAL VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS, PHILANTHROPIC AND RELIGIOUS ORGANISATIONS, CONCERNED GROUP AND INDIVIDUALS FOR THE COLLECTIVE DETERMINATION TO EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS THE PANDEMIC UNTIL A SUBJUGATION AND ERADICATION FROM OUR SOCIETY IS ACHIEVED. FROM ALL INDICATIONS THERE SHOULD BE MORE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES, AWARENESS, EFFECTIVE INFORMATION DISSEMINATION MUST BE INJECTED BY ALL NIGERIANS IF HIV/AIDS PANDEMIC IS TO BE WIPED OUT FROM NIGERIA. THE NIGERIANS SHOULD SHOW FRIENDLINESS TO THE CARRIERS AS A WAY OF ENCOURAGEMENT.

(11) NEC - IN - SESSION LEARNT OF THE CONTRIBUTION OF THE GOVERNOR OF KWARA STATE DR. BUKOLA SARAOKI TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF PARENTS TEACHER ASSOCIATION IN HIS STATE. HE AMONG OTHERS DEMONSTRATED HIS COMMITMENT TO THE DEVELOPMENT OF QUALITY EDUCATION IN HIS STATE. HE SHOULD CONTINUE IN THIS REGARD AND CALL ON OTHERS TO EMULATE HIM.

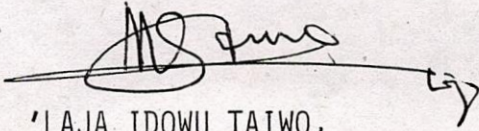
(12) NEC - IN - SESSION LEARNT WITH SYMPATHY THE PLIGHT OF THE RETIRED PARENTS (CIVIL SERVANTS) IN NIGERIA WHO HAVE FOR THE PAST 2 YEARS NOT RECEIVED THEIR PENSION, MOST ESPECIALLY FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. MAJORITY OF THOSE INVOLVED ARE DISENGAGED WORKERS HAVING CHILDREN IN ALL THE INSTITUTIONS OF LEARNING IN NIGERIA. NEC - IN - SESSION PASSIONATELY APPEAL TO THE AUTHORITY CONCERNED TO URGENTLY ADDRESS THE SITUATION AND KEEP SMILES ON THE FACES OF THOSE PARENTS WHO HAD SERVED THE NATION MERITORIOUSLY.

- (13) IN CONCLUSION, THE 66TH NEC - IN - SESSION RESOLVED TO HOLD THE 67TH NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING OF THE NATIONAL PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION OF NIGERIA AT ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN LAGOS ON WEDNESDAY 17TH AND THURSDAY 18TH JUNE 2009 WHEN THE DATE, VENUE, CONGRESS THEME AND OTHER PROGRAMMES OF THE NEXT 5TH TRIENNIAL CONGRESS OF NAPTAN WILL BE FINALLY DECIDED.



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NATIONAL PRESIDENT
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NATIONAL GENERAL SECRETARY,
NAPTAN.