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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
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Dear Sir,

RE: PROPOSAL TO RE-OPEN SCHOOLS

The Pre-tertiary Education Unions upon a careful analysis of the current data and information from the experts on the state of the COVID-19 pandemic in Ghana, make it known that we cannot subscribe to the re-opening of schools after the expiration of the May 31, 2020 deadline on public gathering by the President of the Republic of Ghana.

The Unions, however, wish to make the following proposals should the Management of the Ghana Education Service decide to re-open schools regardless of the prevailing evidence of horizontal spread of the disease.

Option 1 (Short term and Immediate)

1. All schools should be dis-infected.
2. Ensure that all schools have good water and sanitation facilities.
3. Improve ventilation in all school facilities.
4. All Staff and Learners should be tested before schools reopen and those with positive results should not be allowed entry in the school.
5. Commence reopening with only JHS 3 & SHS 3 Learners as a pilot for re-opening of schools.
6. All schools should be provided with a Thermometer Guns, Veronica Buckets, and Hand Sanitizers.
7. Reduce all class sizes to maximum 20 using all-round 1-meter distancing.
8. Provide appropriate nose mask for Learners and Staff of Schools.
9. Assign schools to designated health facilities.
10. Develop new operational guidelines for schools under the "new normal".
11. Provide appropriate technological tools for teaching and learning.
12. Introduce shift system at the Basic Level.
13. Provide free transportation for Learners.
14. Decongest dormitories to maintain social distancing protocol.
15. Provide special incentives for staff of the Education Service.

Option 2 (Medium-long term)

1. Expand and improve existing Infrastructural facilities in schools.
2. Decongest dormitories to maintain social distancing protocol.
3. Recruit more teachers to support teaching and learning.
4. Study the outcomes of the JHS 3 & SHS 3 pilot and use it to improve reopening of the entire school system.




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