

8TH SEPTEMBER 2026

TO:

HIS ROYAL MAJESTY
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PETITION FOR THE EXPEDITIOUS CONCLUSION AND APPROPRIATE PUBLIC CLARIFICATION OF INVESTIGATIONS, THE ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM LEADERSHIP, AND THE IMMEDIATE RESTORATION OF ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES AT OBUASI SENIOR HIGH TECHNICAL SCHOOL

YOUR ROYAL MAJESTY,

We, the undersigned petitioners, acting in the interest of the Concerned Citizens of Adansi, respectfully submit this petition concerning the closure and prolonged interruption of academic activities at Obuasi Senior High Technical School, popularly known as Obuasi SecTech or OSECTECH.

We approach Your Royal Majesty with profound respect and an earnest appeal for your intervention, guidance, and support in securing a fair, peaceful, and expeditious resolution to the circumstances affecting the school.

We fully recognise the seriousness of the allegations that have entered the public domain and the necessity for the appropriate security, educational, administrative, and judicial institutions to investigate them thoroughly, impartially, and professionally.

We wish to make it clear that this petition is not intended to interfere with any investigation, shield any individual from accountability, or prejudice the guilt or innocence of any person. Any individual found culpable after due process must face the appropriate sanctions prescribed by law.

BACKGROUND AND PUBLICLY REPORTED ALLEGATIONS

According to reports already in the public domain, serious disturbances occurred at Obuasi Senior High Technical School in August 2026 following allegations made by some students against the school's Headmaster, Mr Abdulai Zakaria.

The reports indicated that the disturbances followed allegations surrounding the discovery of a fetus in a bushy area at or near the school compound. Some students reportedly alleged that the headmaster had information concerning, or was connected to, circumstances surrounding the alleged burial. Other reports contained allegations of ritual activities and inappropriate relationships involving the headmaster and some female students.

These allegations reportedly generated considerable tension and culminated in a violent confrontation on the school campus.

The Ghana Police Service subsequently intervened and commenced investigations into the allegations and the ensuing disturbances. Public reports further indicated that the relevant area was secured and that the remains were retrieved for preservation and forensic examination.

The Ministry of Education also directed the Ghana Education Service to investigate the disturbances and apply appropriate disciplinary measures against persons found culpable.

We emphasise that all the matters referred to above remain allegations and publicly reported claims. We do not declare Mr Abdulai Zakaria or any other person guilty of any offence. The determination of responsibility must be left to the appropriate competent institutions through due process.

THE NEED FOR CLARITY AND URGENT INTERVENTION

The continuing uncertainty has generated considerable anxiety among students, parents, guardians, old students, traditional authorities, educational stakeholders, and the wider public.

We therefore respectfully appeal for appropriate public clarification, where legally permissible, concerning the status and progress of the investigations.

We appreciate that information capable of compromising an ongoing criminal investigation may not immediately be disclosed. Nevertheless, responsible communication on matters that can safely be made public would help reduce rumours, restore confidence, and reassure affected families.

At the same time, the prolonged closure of the school is depriving thousands of innocent students of valuable instructional time.

Accountability must be individualised. Students should not collectively suffer for allegations involving specific individuals.

THE PLIGHT OF FINAL YEAR AND NEWLY PLACED STUDENTS

The situation is particularly urgent for final year students preparing for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination. The loss of teaching, revision, supervision, and examination preparation places these students at a potential academic disadvantage through no fault of their own.

Immediate measures are therefore required to protect their preparation and recover lost instructional time.

There is also growing uncertainty among parents whose wards have newly been placed at Obuasi SecTech. While students placed in other schools are proceeding with admissions and preparations for the new academic year, parents whose children have been placed at Obuasi SecTech remain uncertain about admission arrangements.

With newly admitted students expected to report between 18th and 20th September 2026, timely information and appropriate arrangements are urgently required to prevent these students from being disadvantaged from the beginning of their Senior High School education.

THE NEED FOR INTERIM LEADERSHIP AND SAFE REOPENING

We respectfully appeal for competent interim leadership or an alternative administrative arrangement to be considered where necessary to restore stability, discipline, confidence, security, and effective management at the school.

Such an arrangement would allow teaching and learning to resume safely while investigations continue independently.

We firmly believe that accountability and education can proceed simultaneously. Investigations need not prevent the authorities from taking practical measures to protect the educational future of innocent students.

OUR REQUESTS

In view of the foregoing, we respectfully petition Your Royal Majesty to lend your distinguished voice and influence towards ensuring that:

1. Appropriate public clarification is provided on the status and progress of the relevant investigations, where legally permissible.
2. All investigations and legal processes continue independently, impartially, professionally, and without interference.
3. Persons found culpable after due process are subjected to the appropriate criminal, disciplinary, or administrative sanctions.
4. Appropriate interim leadership or administrative arrangements are established where necessary to restore stability and effective management.
5. Immediate steps are taken towards the safe and orderly reopening of Obuasi Senior High Technical School.
6. The educational rights, welfare, safety, dignity, and future of innocent students are protected.
7. Final year students receive urgent academic support to recover lost instructional time and prepare adequately for the WASSCE.
8. Clear admission arrangements are provided for newly placed students and their parents.
9. The reopening of the school is accompanied by appropriate security, counselling, disciplinary, and welfare measures.
10. All relevant authorities act with urgency to ensure that the prolonged interruption of education does not irreparably prejudice the students.

CONCLUSION

Your Royal Majesty, we respectfully reiterate that we are not seeking the abandonment of investigations or protection for anyone who may be found culpable.

Our concern is that while justice takes its course, thousands of innocent students must not be deprived of their education.

The continued closure threatens their academic progress, the preparation of final year candidates, the admission of newly placed students, and the sacrifices of their parents and guardians.

The matter has therefore become a concern not merely for individual families but for the wider Adansi community and all stakeholders committed to the advancement of education.

We respectfully beseech Your Royal Majesty to lend your good offices to this matter and encourage the relevant authorities to act decisively, expeditiously, and responsibly in the supreme interest of the affected students.

Let justice take its course.

Let accountability prevail.

But let innocent students return to the classroom.

We respectfully urge Your Royal Majesty to give this petition the urgent attention it deserves.
Respectfully submitted.

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