

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

TO:

THE HONOURABLE MINISTER FOR EDUCATION
MINISTRY OF EDUCATION
ACCRA, GHANA

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THE DIRECTOR GENERAL
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HEADQUARTERS, ACCRA

THE ASHANTI REGIONAL DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION
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THE HONOURABLE ASHANTI REGIONAL MINISTER

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INTRODUCTION

We, the undersigned concerned citizens of Adansi, respectfully submit this petition regarding the closure and prolonged interruption of academic activities at Obuasi Senior High Technical School (Obuasi SecTech/OSECTECH).

We acknowledge the seriousness of the allegations that have entered the public domain and fully support thorough, impartial and professional investigations by the appropriate security, educational and judicial authorities. This petition is not intended to interfere with investigations, shield any person from accountability, or prejudge the guilt or innocence of

anyone.

However, while investigations and due process must continue, thousands of innocent students should not become collateral victims of allegations involving specific individuals. Their education, welfare and future must receive urgent protection.

BACKGROUND

In August 2026, serious disturbances were reported at Obuasi Senior High Technical School following allegations made by some students against the Headmaster, Mr Abdulai Zakaria.

According to reports already in the public domain, the disturbances followed allegations concerning the discovery of a fetus in a bushy area at or near the school. Some students reportedly alleged that the Headmaster had knowledge of, 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.

The allegations generated considerable tension and eventually resulted in a violent confrontation on the school campus. The Ghana Police Service subsequently commenced investigations, while the Ministry of Education directed the Ghana Education Service to investigate the disturbances and take appropriate action against persons found culpable.

We emphasise that these remain allegations and that no person should be considered guilty unless established through due process.

THE NEED FOR URGENT CLARIFICATION AND RESTORATION OF EDUCATION

The continuing uncertainty has created anxiety among students, parents, guardians, old students and the wider community. We therefore respectfully call upon the Ministry of Education, Ghana Education Service and relevant security authorities to provide an appropriate public update on the status of the investigations, to the extent that such disclosure will not compromise ongoing investigations or legal proceedings.

At the same time, the prolonged closure of the school is depriving thousands of students of valuable instructional time. While students in other schools continue their academic programmes, Obuasi SecTech students risk falling behind through no fault of their own.

This is particularly concerning for final-year students preparing for the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE), whose academic preparation, tertiary education opportunities and future prospects may be significantly affected by prolonged loss of instructional time.

We therefore urge the authorities to pursue accountability and the restoration of academic activities simultaneously.

INTERIM LEADERSHIP AND SAFE REOPENING

Where necessary, we respectfully request the Ministry of Education and Ghana Education Service to establish competent interim leadership or an appropriate administrative arrangement to restore stability, discipline, effective supervision and confidence at the school while investigations continue independently.

The school should be reopened as soon as practicable under appropriate security, counselling, disciplinary and welfare arrangements to guarantee a safe and conducive environment for teaching and learning.

NEWLY PLACED STUDENTS AND PARENTS

We are equally concerned about newly placed students whose parents and guardians are preparing for the commencement of the new academic year.

As students placed in other Senior High Schools proceed with admissions and preparations for reporting between 18th and 20th September 2026, families whose wards have been placed at Obuasi SecTech remain uncertain about admission arrangements, prospectuses and reporting requirements.

The authorities must therefore provide immediate and clear information to these families so that newly admitted students are not disadvantaged before their educational journey begins.

OUR DEMANDS

We respectfully petition the relevant authorities to:

1. Provide appropriate public clarification on the status and progress of the investigations into the circumstances surrounding the closure of Obuasi Senior High Technical School.
2. Ensure that all investigations and legal processes proceed independently, professionally, impartially and without interference.
3. Ensure that any person found culpable after due process faces the appropriate criminal, disciplinary or administrative sanctions.
4. Establish, where necessary, competent interim leadership or an appropriate administrative arrangement for the school.
5. Take immediate steps towards the safe and orderly reopening of the school and resumption of academic activities.
6. Protect the educational rights, safety, welfare and future of all innocent students affected by the closure.
7. Give urgent and exceptional attention to final-year students preparing for WASSCE.
8. Provide appropriate remedial and academic interventions to recover instructional time lost through the closure.
9. Provide immediate clarity on admission and reporting arrangements for newly placed students.
10. Ensure adequate security, counselling, discipline and welfare measures upon reopening.

CONCLUSION

We firmly believe that justice, accountability, security and the right to education can coexist.

We are not asking the authorities to abandon investigations or shield anyone from accountability. We are calling for a balanced and urgent approach in which investigations continue while innocent students are allowed to resume their education in a safe and stable environment.

Any person found culpable after lawful investigation and due process must face the appropriate consequences. However, the educational future of thousands of students must not be held hostage by allegations involving specific individuals.

We therefore respectfully urge the Honourable Minister for Education, the Ghana Education Service and all relevant authorities to act decisively and expeditiously in the supreme interest of the affected students.

Let justice take its course. Let accountability prevail. But let the innocent students return to the classroom.

We respectfully request that this petition be given the urgent attention it deserves.

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