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MINISTRY BASIC & SECONDARY EDUCATION DIRECTS ALL UNAPPROVED AND UNREGISTERED PRIVATE SCHOOLS TO REGISTER IMMEDIATELY

Having regard to the fast-growing number of private schools in the State and the important services being rendered by these institutions for socio-economic development. There is a compelling need to ensure registration and documentation of all yet-to-be-approved private schools operating in Lagos State.

The objective is to ensure these private schools are properly registered for effective documentation and intervention programme. It is also important to note that these schools provide education for a large number of learners in the State especially learners from low-income communities.

Consequently, The Honourable Commissioner, Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education hereby directs all unregistered and yet-to-be-approved private schools operating within Lagos State to register with the Office of Education Quality Assurance (OEQA) immediately.

This directive is part of the Ministry's efforts to ensure that all educational institutions below tertiary level meet the required standards and provide quality education to learners. Registration with the Ministry of Basic and Secondary Education is a mandatory requirement for all private schools, and failure to comply may result to sanction.

All unregistered and yet-to-be approved private schools are required to submit their applications for registration from 13th of January, 2025 to avoid any consequences. The registration and documentation will provide adequate information on the ownership of these schools and also help the office keep track of schools that operates in Lagos State

He highlighted the following benefits of the registration process to schools;

- i. These schools will be recognized by the Lagos State Government and would benefit from intervention initiatives by Government and Private Organizations
- ii. The certification would enable them to access technical and financial support that will help develop the school to qualify for provisional approval
- iii. Learners that attend these schools can visit the Office of Education Quality Assurance for Letters of Confirmation that their school is registered to operate in Lagos State, among other benefits
- iv. Keep schools officially abreast of emerging policies and initiatives from the State and Federal Ministries of Education

The Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education through the Office of Education Quality Assurance is committed to ensuring that all learners receive a quality education, and we will not hesitate to take action against any institution that fails to register under this exercise.

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**For: Honourable Commissioner
Ministry of Basic & Secondary Education
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