



MANDATORY MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY ON SCHOOL DESKS

The Government of Ghana earlier this year allocated about GH¢600 million under the District Assemblies Common Fund (DACF) for the procurement of desks for basic schools across the country. This represents a significant investment towards addressing the severe furniture deficit of 1 million desks in public basic schools.

However, one of the most persistent challenges in school furniture procurement is the supply of substandard desks, some of which deteriorate within a year. This undermines value for money, increases recurrent spending, and leaves thousands of pupils without adequate learning spaces.

Eduwatch calls on the Ministry of Local Government to work closely with the Ministry of Education, to ensure that all District Assemblies demand a minimum one-year warranty on desks supplied under this programme.

This aligns with best practice across Africa, where countries such as South Africa, Kenya, and Rwanda require warranties on school furniture to guarantee quality, protect public funds, and improve accountability in the supply chain.

A mandatory warranty will ensure suppliers take responsibility for product defects, motivate higher production standards, extend the lifespan of school furniture and deliver better value for the taxpayer.

We urge both Ministries to issue clear guidelines directing all Assemblies to incorporate warranty clauses in their procurement processes before contracts are awarded.

Eduwatch remains committed to supporting policy reforms that ensure safe, durable, and cost-effective learning environments for every Ghanaian child.

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