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(GOVERNMENT ASSISTED/ PRIVATE SCHOOLS - BASED P.T.A.)

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PRESS STATEMENT

NCPTA CONDEMNS ASSAULT OF STUDENT BY TEACHER AT NYINAHIN CATHOLIC SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The National Council of Parent Teacher Associations, NCPTA, as chief custodians of parents' and students' welfare in our schools and communities, has viewed with deep shock and condemnation the viral video showing a male teacher identified as Eric Buernotey Apafllo of Nyinahin Catholic Senior High School in the Atwima Mponua District in the Ashanti Region, physically assaulting Patience Chibu a female student of the school.

Our Position

- 1. Condemnation:** Ghanaian parents unequivocally condemn this act of violence. Beating, punching, and slamming a child in the manner captured in the video constitutes torture and degrading treatment. It is a gross violation of the child's rights, the GES Code of Conduct for Staff, particularly Section 3.8, and our societal values.
- 2. Impact:** Such misconduct amounts to gender-based violence. It exposes the student to physical injury, emotional trauma, absenteeism, loss of motivation, and the risk of dropping out. No act of "discipline" can justify unlawful violence against a child.
- 3. Mandate:** As PTAs, our mandate is to promote the welfare of school children, secure adequate laws for their care and protection, and build united efforts between educators and the public to secure for every child the highest advantages in physical, mental, social, and spiritual development. We cannot fulfill this mandate if students are unsafe in our school environments.

Our Recommendations

NCPTA therefore urges and recommends the following steps in accordance with law and order:

- 1. Police Investigation:** We commend the Ghana Police Service, especially the Nyinahin Police for their swift action in arresting the suspect and restoring calm and order. We call on the Ghana Police Service, through the Domestic Violence and Victim Support Unit DOVVSU, to immediately investigate the incident, document medical evidence of injuries, and prosecute the teacher in line with the Criminal Offences Act, 1960 Act 29.
- 2. GES Disciplinary Action:** The Ghana Education Service must, without delay, interdict the teacher pending investigation and initiate disciplinary proceedings under the GES Code of Conduct.
- 3. PTA + Parental Action:** We direct the Nyinahin SHS PTA Executives to work closely with the affected child's parents to access legal support and pursue due process. NCPTA stands ready to support the family.
- 4. Systemic Safeguards:** GES, with stakeholders, must strengthen safeguarding and positive discipline training for teachers, and establish confidential reporting channels in all schools.

Conclusion:

Ghana is a country governed by law, not by the jungle. Teachers have a duty of care to maintain discipline and ensure safety, but that duty never extends to violence. NCPTA remains committed to safeguarding the welfare of every student and creating a conducive climate for teaching, learning, and character development.



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