



**NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS (NCPTAs)
(GOVERNMENT ASSISTED/ PRIVATE SCHOOLS - BASED P.T.A.)**

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PRESS STATEMENT FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

NATIONAL COUNCIL OF PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS (NCPTAs) WISHES TEACHERS HAPPY 60TH WORLD TEACHERS' DAY, COMMENDS PRESIDENT MAHAMA AND APPEALS TO GNAT, NAGRAT & PRETAG TO CALL OFF STRIKE FOR GOD AND COUNTRY

1. A Salute on the 60th World Teachers' Day

The National Council of Parent-Teacher Associations (NCPTAs) - Ghana, the mother body of parents in Public and Private Pre-tertiary schools, extends heartfelt congratulations to all teachers on this 60th World Teachers' Day.

We celebrate you. The parental community in Ghana and across the world stands with you and deeply appreciates your immense sacrifice in building resilient human resources — through teaching, mentorship, character formation, discipline and shaping the destiny of our nation.

As it is written: "And they that be teachers shall shine as the brightness of the firmament." — Daniel 12:3
You have carried our children on your shoulders. For this, we say Ayekoo!

2. Commendation to H.E. The President

We commend H.E. President John Dramani Mahama for his fatherly and timely intervention in directing the high-level meeting held on Friday, October 2, 2026 at the Ministry of Education, convened by the Secretary to the President, Dr. Callistus Mahama.

That meeting, which brought together the Ministers for Finance, Education, Employment and Labour Relations, the CEO of the Fair Wages and Salaries Commission, the Controller and Accountant-General, the Directors-General of GES, GTEC, TVET Service and the leadership of GNAT, NAGRAT and PRETAG, has injected new impetus, passion and alacrity to resolve this matter decisively.

3. Compelling Evidence of Good Faith

We have observed concrete actions that demonstrate government commitment to do the needful:

a) **The Honour-Bound Pledge of the Minister:** The Hon. Minister for Education, *Hon. Haruna Iddrisu has solemnly declared: "I have no honour if your arrears aren't paid by October 30th, 2026."
This is a sacred covenant of leadership. As Scripture says: *"Let your 'Yes' be 'Yes' and your 'No,' 'No'- Matthew 5:37." We hold the Minister to his word.

b) **Technical and Administrative Steps:** The Ghana Education Service (GES), Controller and Accountant-General's Department (CAGD), FWSC, Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Education and Ministry of Employment and Labour Relations have all commenced validation of promotion and salary arrears, review and auditing of the Collective Agreement and Conditions of Service, and costing of the 20% Deprived Area Allowance and other allowances- including kilometre allowance, vehicle maintenance, transfer grants, acting allowance, rent allowance, night and additional duty allowances, protective clothing, advances and funeral grants.



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As the African proverb says: "When you see that the river has begun to flow, you know the rains have come." Government has shown it is ready. This must be acknowledged.

4. Our Humble and Faithful Appeal

TO OUR BELOVED TEACHERS — GNAT, NAGRAT & PRETAG:

Your industrial action declared on 25th September, 2026 was justified. You had no other option. You have made your point. Parents heard you. The nation heard you. The President has heard you. We now appeal to you, in the name of God and Country, to *call off the strike and return to the classroom.

As parents, we plead: Let mercy and duty speak now.

The Bible teaches us: "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called the children of God - Matthew 5:9." And again, "To whom much is given, much is required - Luke 12:48." Much has been given to you as moulders of our future leaders.

The African elders also teach: "The child you refuse to build today will refuse to build the nation tomorrow." Our children -your students -are suffering. Uniforms hang unworn, provisions rot in chop boxes, potential BECE and WASSCE candidates loiter at home and within the school environments. This avoidable strike, occasioned by government's failure to do the needful, is now hurting the very ones we all swore to protect.

Return as a sign of good faith while we collectively monitor the October 30th deadline. We, the parents, pledge to stand with you and hold government accountable to every pesewa.

TO GOVERNMENT:

We urge government to make teachers' welfare and conditions of service the centre of the Resetting Agenda. For God and Country, guarantee a conducive and healthy school climate for quality education, character formation, discipline and moral development. Scripture reminds us: "The labourer is worthy of his wages — 1 Timothy 5:18." And "Do not withhold good from those to whom it is due, when it is in your power to act — Proverbs 3:27."

The future of Ghana cannot be built on empty classrooms. Let us honour our teachers.

Let us fix the roof together, for the rain is beating our children.

No Teacher, No School. No School, No Future.

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