

ALL ANGLOPHONE TEACHERS' STRIKE BEGINS ON MONDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 2016

Dear Parents, Teachers, Students and Pupils,

We are writing to inform you that All Anglophone Teachers will begin an indefinite strike action from **November 21 2016**, to protest against all the injustices that have been done to the Anglophone subsystem of education in the last three decades. It has become necessary to go on strike because all attempts, appeals and requests for Government to resolve problems that specifically affect Anglophones as a Minority Group and an equal partner in our reunified country have failed. Instead of addressing the problems which affect our existence the Government has snubbed us, lied to us or even kept a stony silence. As a result of this indifference, we have decided that there will be no school from **nursery, primary, secondary to the University**, whether Private, Government or Confessional, until Government gives a definite answer to the questions Anglophone Teachers have asked. Here are just some of the issues:

1. Our children who pass the GCE with quality grades cannot enter the professional schools of their choice, while those who perform poorly fill all the spaces.
 2. Francophones outnumber Anglophones in the professional schools in Anglophone Universities of Buea and Bamenda by a ratio of up to 90:10% in HTTTC Kumba, 90:10% in Medical School in Buea, 80:20% in HTTTC Bamenda whereas there are no Anglophones in these schools in Francophone Universities.
 3. Anglophones who apply to read medicine are usually sent to Francophone universities, where operating becomes a serious challenge, and since they cannot cope, they give up.
 4. As a result of this policy of discrimination and marginalization, Government does not train Anglophone technical teachers, and even the few Anglophones who are trained are sent to work in Francophone areas.
 5. Government continues to send Francophones who do not master English to teach in Anglophone schools. The teachers teach in broken English, thereby confusing the students. As a result, many do not perform well in their final examinations.
 6. The Universities of Buea and Bamenda have been Francophonized and admissions into key Faculties have been taken to Yaounde so that admission lists can be doctored.
 7. Our children are compelled to write CAP, Probatoire and Baccalaureat in technical schools, with a tradition of poorly translated questions and massive failures on their part.
- qualifications into professional schools and the Universities. What a mockery to our certificates!

8. Our children who graduate from the university cannot get jobs; they have become bike riders and call-box operators and Sim card vendors.0m
9. Lay private and confessional schools are doing so much to educate our children, but receive little or no subvention from Government. Even Religious Studies is mocked as a requirement for admissions or
10. That the election and appointment of authorities of the Anglo-Saxon universities of Bamenda and Buea should be in strict compliance of Anglo-Saxon norms.
11. The 1998 Law on the Orientation of Education in Cameroon provides for the creation of an Education Board, but we are asking for separate boards which can address the needs of each subsystem.

Our strike is meant to address all these issues so that transparency and excellence can return to the Anglophone subsystem of education. We urge all parents to join their voice to this struggle, all teachers to be united in purpose and all students to stay at home and be good children until this problem is resolved to our satisfaction. Our Francophone brothers whose children study in our system should show their goodwill by joining us. God will show no mercy to traitors of this just cause!

Done in Bamenda this 6th November 2016

