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The Mombasa Parents Club

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Dear Members,

RE: CLUB CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATION

Warm greetings from the Chairman's desk. It is my sincere hope that you have been keeping well and that God has been good to you all. I congratulate the citizens of Kenya for undertaking peaceful elections for our local and National leaders. On behalf of the Board of Management, I would like to update you on several matters that are pertinent to the operations of the Nyali School.

1. THE JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE NYALI SCHOOL

The Ministry of Education rolled out the current CBC system of education which entails a 2-6-3-3 programme of education for our school children. This system has replaced the 8-4-4 system of education which has been in existence since 1985. Of key importance to the Nyali School, the current CBC education system requires children to undergo 3 years of study at Junior Secondary School, covering year 7, 8 and 9 of their education life. Therefore, after year 6 of study, school children are required to proceed to Junior Secondary School (JSS), which is required to be physically and administratively autonomous from the Primary School years. The Government requires aspiring institutions to register to offer JSS education to learners. There are many requirements to be met in order for an institution to be registered to offer JSS. I am happy to inform our members that the Nyali School has been successfully vetted and registered by the Government to offer JSS studies. Our registration number/code is **03126134**.

The significance of the registration of our school to offer JSS is tremendous. First, we are able to absorb our learners who complete year 6 in our school, instead of them and their parents having to go out and search for admission in new schools. Second, we are able to absorb and retain our members of staff at full capacity, we do not have to lay off staff who were handling our soon to be non-existent class 7 and 8 teachers. Third, we are able to maintain a healthy cash flow for the school. A reduction of two years of study with 3 streams each would result in a significant drop in the amount of revenue that the school collects as school fees thereby constraining the financial health of our

institution. And fourth, it enables the school to be one of the first institutions to comply with the registration requirements for JSS thereby enabling us to admit selected learners from neighbouring schools that have not met the registration requirement. In order for the school to achieve the requirements of JSS, there is a need to make certain infrastructural changes to the existing structures at the school. We have already converted the available rooms into modern laboratories as required by the Ministry. Our members are invited to pass by the school and witness the top of the range laboratory rooms that we have established. We are rolling out the construction of the classrooms that will be required for teaching years 7, 8 and 9.

For your information, failure (which we do not anticipate) to implement and roll out the JSS section of the school would mean that our class 6 pupils have to leave the Nyali School to search for JSS in other registered institutions. It will also mean that our members of staff who were deployed to man class 7 and 8 in the 8-4-4 system will be rendered jobless. We do not wish to experience any of the foregoing.

Needless to say, the Board requires the unequivocal support of all members of the Club in the endeavour to establish the Nyali School JSS for the benefit of our members and our learners.

2. APPOINTMENT OF ACTING PRINCIPAL AND ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

After the departure of our long serving School Principal, the Board appointed Mr. Omar Babu to serve as the Principal in acting capacity. In an effort to recruit a substantive School Principal competitively, we advertised for the position of School Principal in the mainstream media. We received several applications including one from our acting School Principal. However, some members of the Club filed a case in Court and obtained orders stopping the Board from carrying out interviews for the position of School Principal. Consequently, the recruitment process has been put in abeyance. In the same case, the members are seeking to stop the Board from spending any amount above Kshs.500,000 on any project. The case is pending in Court and we cannot discuss its substance in this correspondence.

We also confirm that the Board has appointed Mrs. Sarah Kaleli to the position of Acting Deputy Principal in order to assist the Ag. School Principal in the discharge of his duties.

3. SCHOOL FEES FOR THE FINAL TERM OF THE CURRENT ACADEMIC YEAR 2022.

The measures that have been put in place by the Ministry of Education in an effort to realign the education academic calendar of our school system have had the impact of creating additional school terms with short breaks in between. By extension, on the one hand, parents have been placed under immense pressure of meeting the cost of educating their children. On the other hand, schools such as ours have been placed in a position of increased pressure on resources while at the same time attempting to recover

from the financial crisis that was occasioned by the closure of schools during the height of the Covid-19 Pandemic that disrupted normal life as we understood it previously. In the last one year, the cost of living has shot through the roof. The cost of basic consumables such as foodstuff, fuel, stationery, spare parts, maintenance appliances and others has increased tremendously. As a going concern, our school, like many other going concerns, has been adversely affected by growing rise in the cost of living.

The Board has been approached by a number of parents requesting for the waving or reduction of the school fees for the upcoming school term. However, we regret that such a move would create a massive hole in the financial status of the school which would in turn gravely affect the operations of the school. This would cripple the ability of the school to pay staff salaries, make purchases of stationery, pay insurance, sustain school transport, maintain the cafeteria services, meet statutory payments, maintain equipment, pay utility bills and to sustain the general operations of the school.

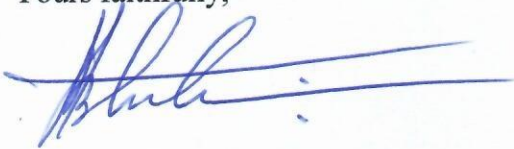
Indeed, I wish to appreciate the sacrifices that our members continue to make in order to ensure that the operations of the schools continue smoothly. We assure the members that the Board of Management is doing all that it takes to ensure that the affairs of the Club and the School are run in a manner characterized by professionalism and integrity.

4. THE PENDING ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF MOMBSA PARENTS CLUB

The Board is still not able to call for the Annual General meeting of the members of the Club because a member of the Club filed a case in Court and stopped the previously planned AGM.

The Board will convene the next AGM upon determination of the suit by the Court.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Benjamin Gitonga', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

BENJAMIN GITONGA
CLUB CHAIRMAN