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PRESS STATEMENT

The Conference of Heads of Private Second-Cycle Schools (CHOPSS) has noted with grave concern, the inability of the West African Examination Council (WAEC) to release the results of the 2024 West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) for School Candidates, attributing this to a highly preventable circumstance.

In a statement released on December 9, 2024, the Council identified the breakdown of scanners used for processing the objective cards as the primary cause of the delay in releasing the results. According to WAEC, an outstanding payment of GHC118,000,000.00 owed by the Ministry of Education is urgently needed to resolve the problem.

Regrettably, although students in private schools who sat for the 2024 WASSCE duly paid WASSCE registration fees, our students are also being denied the right to receive their results. This situation is unacceptable, because most Universities in Ghana have their admission deadlines in January 2025.

But for the breakdown of the WAEC Scanners, Private schools would have requested from the Council to release their results independently since we do not owe them. It must be noted that the government's failure to address this issue promptly is deeply unfair to private schools, parents, and students.

We therefore wish to call on the government as a matter of urgency to disburse any outstanding balance due to the Council so that the results can be released immediately. Private Senior High Schools have suffered enough. For eight years, we have been ignored and not considered worthy of participating in the free SHS policy. For eight (8) years, our classrooms have been left virtually empty as parents are forced to make economic decisions in choosing a senior high school for their wards.

We would be compelled to take further action in collaboration with parents and students to address the situation if a positive response is not forthcoming in the coming days.

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