



J.G. VAN DER WATH SECONDARY SCHOOL

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TO: His Worship the Mayor of Okahandja
Councillor JC Hindjou

Dear Sir

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR DONATIONS TO REBUILD CLASSROOMS DESTROYED IN FIRE INCIDENT

J.G. Van der Wath Secondary School in Okahandja aims to impart quality education to learners enrolled to our school. They are coming from orphanages or poor families and it is therefore imperative that whilst they are in their formative school years, we equip them for tertiary education as well as the working world, especially those that might not be able to secure funding to further their studies. Our learner enrolment this year stands at just over 690.

The school has over the years also achieved measurable success in honing its learners' education and extra-curricular capabilities. Despite limited resources and School Development Fund, our learners are performing exceptionally well in external national examinations (both grade 10 and grade 12) and extra-curricular activities.

Fire Incident

The early evening of June 7, 2019 will be immortalized in the history books of our school, as the day that none of us ever thought could happen. A day that changed not only the outlook and set pace with which classes were run, but the landscape of 5 decently stocked and maintained classrooms due to a fire outbreak. Of these 5 classrooms and storerooms, two were destroyed beyond salvaging and three further down suffered amongst others, mainly smoke and water damage, all thanks to the brave rescue efforts of the local fire brigade and community members.

Although the need is greater, so far, the Ministry of Education, as contingency plan was only able to replace 90 school desks and chairs which were used to set up temporary classrooms. It is for this reasons that the school has embark-upon a fundraising campaign to renovate and replaced/acquire some of the needed teaching resources lost in the fire.

We are busy working on stringent plans to make sure such incidents do not repeat, and/or that the damages wouldn't be these extreme. We will also appreciate it if your company/office could come on board and assist us herewith

The following are resources that needed to be replaced urgently, as we slowly approaching the critical end of year examinations:

1. Cost Estimate – Renovation of classrooms
Electrical and Civil NS\$ 450 000.00

2. Cost Estimate – Teacher resources
 - (a) 3 x Teachers tables and chairs
 - (b) Steel cabinets
 - (c) Geography maps and globe
 - (d) Writing boards
 - (e) Projector
 - (f) Shelves for storerooms
 - (g) Projecting screens NS\$ 65 000.00

Although we are mindful that your budgets for the year may have been finalized, we will be eternally grateful if your good office, or your partners, can kindly assist us with the aforementioned items.

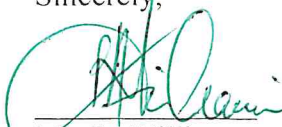
Attached please find pictures of the incident, also available on the school's Facebook page and other news media.

In case of cash donations, please find herewith the school's banking details:

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Nedbank – Okahandja (461035)
Cheq A/C – 11990087085

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,


Mr. R. Williams
Principal

