

Speech Given by the headteacher of Wawa High School at the Awards Giving Ceremony on 18th March 2024 at 10:00 hours

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Honourable Minister of Education, distinguished guests, esteemed parents, dedicated teachers, and our hard-working students, it is an honour to welcome you all to this year's Awards Giving Ceremony at Wawa High School.

Firstly, let me extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Honourable Minister of Education for gracing us with your presence. Your leadership as a woman in such a high position serves as an inspiring example to all our students, especially the young girls who aspire to achieve greatness.

Honourable Minister of Education, this year, we are proud to report outstanding results in our school certificate examinations, with thirty of our pupils achieving six points. This remarkable achievement is a testament to the dedication and hard work of both our students and teachers. Our school now boasts six streams in each grade, illustrating our growth and commitment to providing quality education.

Despite our successes, we face significant challenges. We have a critical shortage of mathematics and science teachers, which impacts our ability to provide comprehensive education in these essential subjects. Additionally, our resources are strained, with insufficient textbooks and desks for our students. We also lack a proper kitchen and dining hall, which are essential for our students' well-being.

Honourable Minister of Education, our infrastructure needs are pressing. Most of our teachers are not accommodated, and our pupils are forced to fetch water from a stream due to the lack of a reliable water source. The generator we rely on is old and frequently breaks down, and we have only two computers for the entire school. These issues severely hinder our ability to provide the best education possible.

We are also concerned about the external environment, with bars located near the school, posing potential distractions and risks to our students. Despite these challenges, our Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) executive has shown remarkable dedication and hard work, supporting our school in every possible way.

I would like to acknowledge the efforts of our teachers and pupils who, despite the hardships, remain committed and hardworking. Their perseverance is the driving force behind our school's achievements. Additionally, some of our former pupils have gone on to hold key positions in

government and society, showcasing the potential and capability nurtured within these walls.

In conclusion, while we celebrate our achievements today, let us also recognize the challenges we face and work together towards finding solutions. With the continued support of the Ministry of Education, our PTA, and the community, I am confident that Wawa High School will continue to excel and provide quality education to our students.

Thank you.

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