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REGIONAL DIRECTORS OF EDUCATION

ENFORCEMENT OF TWO-YEAR BAN ON CANDIDATES WHO SIT FOR BECE OR WASSCE AHEAD OF THE OFFICIALLY SCHEDULED EXAMINATION PERIODS

Management of the Ghana Education Service (GES) refers to the directive issued by the Minister for Education at the launch of the 2026 National Education Week, held on 23rd November, 2026 at the Ghana Tertiary Education Commission (GTEC), prohibiting candidates from sitting for the Basic Education Certificate Examination (BECE) and the West African Senior School Certificate Examination (WASSCE) ahead of their officially scheduled examination periods.

In accordance with the directive, **any candidate who sits for either the BECE or WASSCE ahead of the approved examination schedule shall be banned from taking the relevant examination for a period of two (2) years**.

Regional Directors are hereby requested to ensure strict compliance with this directive and communicate same to all Metropolitan, Municipal and District Directors of Education, Heads of Schools and other relevant stakeholders within their respective jurisdictions.

Management counts on your usual cooperation.

Thank you.

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