

Media release

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The Liberian Agricultural Company's (LAC) school System has a current enrolment of over 6000 students. There are presently 11 schools within the System, 1 Senior High School (Secondary), 2 Junior High Schools and 8 Elementary Schools. This is despite the provision in the Concession Agreement which states that Management is obliged to provide education to workers' children up to Elementary School (6th Grade) only. However, LAC runs its schools from Kindergarten up to High School at its own cost.

LAC Schools have produced some of the best students in the country as the School System's educational standards are very high. LAC Schools have achieved some of the best results in the country's national examinations being administered by the West African Examinations Council (WAEC), rating LAC high.

As per the collective bargaining agreement (CBA) between LAC's management and the Union, employees can register maximum of 6 dependents in the school system. It is largely attributed to the Management's existing Educational Policy that employees are given the opportunity to register additional children or wards beyond the regular 6 dependants. Approximately, 25 to 30% of the present total student enrolment makes up the number of extra dependant students. Additionally, children in the surrounding communities of LAC have little or no opportunity to further their education beyond elementary school due to the unavailability of public and private schools. Hence we are constrained to admit some of them into our Schools for a nominal fee. This has resulted in several challenges; mainly the overcrowding of our schools, thereby affecting the quality of education. With these challenges, LAC still maintains and will remain resolute in maintaining its high standard of education.

The continuous engagement of Parents to acquaint them with these challenges is ongoing, involving the Executive members of the established Parent Teacher Association (PTA).

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