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SUSPENSION OF ASUU STRIKE; OPPORTUNITY TO RIGHT THE WRONGS IN OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM - SAVE-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-CAMPAIGN

The SAVE-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-CAMPAIGN, Nigeria, welcomes the call-off by the Academic Staff Union of Universities, ASUU, of its strike action on Friday 14th October, 2022. As a Civic Group which has been in the forefront for the struggle for amicable resolution of the industrial dispute and return of students to classes in the Universities, we join parents and students all over the country who inadvertently or otherwise, were caught up in the protracted industrial crisis, to heave a sigh of relief.

Regardless of the euphoria of the strike call-off, the SAVE-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-CAMPAIGN is however saddened by the gaping loss of academic time and the huge impact and toll this took on students and parents, as well as the nation's socio-economic life as a whole. We bemoan the dozens of professors and University Lecturers who left the shores of Nigeria in droves, to ply their services with other nations, an unquantifiable loss to the educational growth and development of our Nigerian Youths. We make bold to say, that all these were very avoidable if those in authorities in the sector, had acted with more proactively and responsibly.

We salute the courage of ASUU in striving, against all odds and fighting to correct the wrongs in the University system in Nigeria and duly resting the industrial action at a time as this, in the over-arching interest of our Country, Nigeria.

SAVE-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-CAMPAIGN would like to use this occasion, to strongly charge the authorities at both the helm of affairs of the Country, as well as at the Ministry of Education, not to take the academic Body and the issues it raised for granted with this patriotic strike Call-off, but rather now seize the conducive atmosphere created by the ending of the industrial action, and sit down and pointedly attend to the issues bedeviling the educational system of Nigeria in both our Universities, as well as in other levels of education, in a sustainable and lasting manner.

Lastly, we would like to commend all and sundry, who played various roles, both openly and behind the scene towards ending the strike crisis, including Labour Unions, CSOs, religious groups and individuals, Activists, Statesmen and Women, the Media, etc. The SAVE-PUBLIC-EDUCATION-CAMPAIGN would like to encourage us all to please stay vigilant and oversight this sector closely in order to guard against getting back to the same situation where we are today. Let us remember, that eternal vigilance they say, is the price of Freedom.

Signed:

Comrade Vivian Bello

Convener.