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PRESS STATEMENT

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION TAKES NOTE OF ALLEGATIONS OF BRIBERY IN SCHOOL
PLACEMENT, INITIATES URGENT INVESTIGATIONS**

The attention of the Ministry of Education has been drawn to media publications attributing allegations of bribery in the ongoing school placement process to the Member of Parliament for Akrofuom, Hon. Joseph Azumah, who is reported to have said: “Someone who knew I was an MP came to me at Community 16, where I live, and asked me to help their child gain admission to a certain school. Within a week, the person came back with evidence showing that they had paid GH¢30,000 to secure the placement. Why are we doing this to ourselves?”

2. The Ministry of Education views these allegations and similar ones recently raised by the Secretary of the Construction and Building Workers’ Union of the Ghana Trade Union Congress (TUC), Mr. Richard Asamoah Mensah, with the utmost seriousness and concern.

3. Given the gravity of the claims, the Honourable Minister for Education has convened a meeting with National Security and has formally referred these and other related allegations for urgent and thorough investigation.

4. The Ministry wishes to assure the public that it is committed to maintaining the highest standards of integrity, transparency, and fairness in the school placement process. Any individual found to have engaged in acts of bribery, extortion, or manipulation of the Computerized School Selection and Placement System (CSSPS) will face the full rigours of the law.

5. The Ministry further urges Hon. Joseph Azumah, Mr. Richard Asamoah Mensah, and any other persons with credible information or evidence to fully cooperate with National Security to aid ongoing investigations. This collaborative effort is crucial to uncovering the truth and ensuring accountability.

6. The Ministry remains resolute in safeguarding the integrity of the placement process and in ensuring that access to secondary education remains free, fair, and merit-based for every Ghanaian child.

Signed:

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