



**ANLO SENIOR SECONDARY
SCHOOL OLD STUDENTS'
ASSOCIATION (ANSSOSA)**

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IMMEDIATE RELEASE

RE: ANLO SECONDARY SCHOOL OLD STUDENTS' ASSOCIATION'S (ANSSOSA) RESPONSE TO PRIMETIME LIMITED'S DECISION ON WALK-OFF BY ANLO SHS CONTESTANTS DURING ONE-EIGHTH STAGE CONTEST 9 INVOLVING ST. AUGUSTINE'S COLLEGE, ANLO SHS AND KUMASI HIGH SCHOOL

The Anlo Secondary School Old Students' Association ("ANSSOSA" or the "Association") has become aware of events that transpired on 26 August 2026 at the Centre for National Culture Auditorium, Cape Coast, during the 2026 National Science and Maths Quiz ("NSMQ") One-Eighth contest involving the above-named schools.

The Association notes with concern the unfortunate and, in its view, unrelated and unsubstantiated decision or determination made by Primetime Limited ("Primetime").

The Association wishes to formally state its position on the matter and set the record straight while reaffirming the integrity, fairness, and transparency expected in the conduct of the NSMQ contest, as follows:

1. In its letter and Facebook post on 26 August 2026, Primetime communicated what it termed its "decision" or "determination" of the issues or circumstances regarding the walk-off and the improprieties of the contest itself. Primetime determined, among others, that:
 - (a) *Anlo SHS and Kumasi High School breached the rules of the Competition by communicating with their teachers and, on their teachers' instruction, staging a walk-off;*
 - (b) *Since Anlo SHS and Kumasi High School breached the rules of the Competition, St. Augustine's College, being the only school not in breach of the rules, and being with the highest score at the time when the contest had not yet come to a formal end, was the winner of the contest:*
2. Primetime's decision, however, failed to ascertain or reveal its findings and reasoning on the central issues resulting in the walk-off and the abrupt end of the contest, including whether:
 - (a) *St. Augustine's College had breached the rules of the Competition which prohibit raising a challenge to or petition against an answer after the round in which the answer was given had long concluded and results announced by the Quiz Mistress;*

- (b) *The Quiz Mistress' answers to the questions asked were wrong or were not previously approved by Primetime's consultant before they were announced to the contestants and accepted as the correct answers;*
 - (c) *The Quiz Mistress had the authority to alter or revise marks previously awarded to a school in an earlier round of the Contest by making such alteration in a subsequent round of the Contest notwithstanding the fact that a challenge had not been raised in respect of the marks or that any challenge previously raised had been resolved in the previous round;*
 - (d) *The Quiz Mistress could have reopened a petition or challenge to an answer in a previous round in a subsequent round even though she had previously determined the same petition or challenge to that same answer in the previous round;*
 - (e) *A participating school whose petition or challenge had not been resolved had the right to protest against the continuation of the contest until the petition or challenge is resolved;*
 - (f) *Another school had given the same answer given by the Anlo SHS for same question in other contest(s) among other schools for which a full mark was awarded without a protest or a challenge.*
3. The Association is of the firm view that the decision of Primetime does not, in any meaningful way, address the substantive issues that led to the walk-off and the abrupt termination of the Contest.
 4. As at 27 August, 2026, the Management of Anlo SHS had lodged a formal petition with the Director General of the Ghana Education Service at the District, Regional and National level, for an independent investigation into the circumstances surrounding the manner the contest ended.
 5. The management also demand investigation into what the School considers unfair treatment and favouritism by Primetime and the Quiz Mistress which resulted in St. Augustine's College gaining two (2) marks it did not earn, Anlo SHS losing one (1) mark it had rightly earned and the Contest ending without an opportunity for the Schools to effectively and finally compete for a slot in the quarter finals.
 6. On August 27, 2026, the Management of Anlo SHS also lodged a formal petition with Primetime regarding its handling of the Contest. However, as at the date of this release, the petition remains unaddressed.
 7. The Association strongly condemns the apparent act of favouritism shown towards St. Augustine's College by both the Quiz Mistress and Primetime in the following respect:
 - (a) *Declining to consider Anlo SHS's petition regarding a round before continuing a new round or before the contest continues to the last round for the real winner to emerge;*
 - (b) *Being generous in giving two (2) marks to St. Augustine's College whilst declining to extend the same generosity to Anlo SHS when they got a Problem of the Day answer correct but omitted to add the unit;*

- (c) *Allowing St. Augustine's College to raise, in Round Three (3), a complaint or petition relating to an answer given in Round One (1), notwithstanding that the matter had already been raised and determined by the Quiz Mistress in Round One (1) using the same answer provided or expected by consultant or Primetime;*
 - (d) *Allowing a consultant to recommend the award of one (1) mark to St. Augustine's College without being aware of, or being informed that, Anlo SHS had already provided the correct expected answer provided by the consultant to the Quiz Mistress and had been duly awarded the mark. The subsequent award of the same mark to St. Augustine's College effectively deprived Anlo SHS of a mark it had rightfully earned.*
8. The Association asserts that the NSMQ has become a competition of high repute and ought not to be tainted by any appearance of blatant favouritism to one school to the detriment of another. This conduct undermines the fairness, procedural propriety and integrity of the competition.
9. The Association, by this release, calls on Primetime to:
- (a) *Undertake a thorough and impartial determination of the circumstances surrounding the walk-off and the abrupt termination of the contest rather than merely reciting a selective and incomplete account of what transpired;*
 - (b) *Specifically respond to the Petition filed by the Management of Anlo SHS concerning the Contest;*
 - (c) *Take practical steps to ensure ^{#1b3f96}compliance with its own rules and publicly affirm that permitting a petition or challenge to be raised in a subsequent round, where the same petition or challenge had previously been raised and determined by the Quiz Mistress, is contrary to the rules and procedures governing the Competition;*
 - (d) *Communicate to the Public that the demand or protest against the continuation of a next round while a petition or challenge raised in a just-ended round has not been addressed or resolved, was contrary to the rules of the Competition.*
10. The Association also made a further call on the Ghana Education Service, through its national, regional and district officers, to independently investigate the Contest and make recommendations for implementation by Primetime Limited and all stakeholders to protect and guarantee the fairness, competitiveness and transparency of the NSMQ so long as it remains a competition for which Senior High Schools across the nation participate in.
11. ANSSOSA firmly supports the NSMQ initiative and is ever ready to encourage the great ANSECO to participate in the competition every year, but no school is pleased to prepare its students for a contest only for the students to be denied marks rightly earned, or one school to be favoured against another or in one breath claims its rules have been breached by a school which legitimately seeks to ensure compliance to those same rules.

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