

Dr. Glaze:

It is our distinct pleasure to extend an invitation to you to be our Keynote Speaker at the Opening Ceremony on Friday, October 14, 2022 at 9:00 am and also to address the Chairmen of Secondary School Boards at 3:00 pm.

It would be an honour to have you sharing with us, particularly as we have much admiration for your stewardship as an educator and also for your vision in ensuring that we move forward steadfastly in meeting the challenges of the 21st century. A formal letter of invitation is attached.

Kindly find below a brief overview of the Association of Principals and Vice Principals which includes the history and the purpose of the Association. We hope this will help to give you some context about the Association and the event.

## **HISTORY OF THE ASSOCIATION**

In the early 1970's the new Junior High Schools were named and became operational. The then principals sought admission to the existing High School Principals Association (The Committee of Principals of Traditional High Schools). The application was denied on the grounds that Junior High School Principals did not qualify to become members since they were not in high schools.

The then principals of the Junior High Schools saw the need to belong to an association and so the Committee of Principals was formed.

In the mid 1970's these schools were renamed New Secondary Schools with educational offerings up to Grade 11, and with a strong focus on vocational training. The New Secondary School principals reviewed the very critical roles in the management of their schools by the vice principals and justifiably admitted them to their association in 1975. This heralded the Association of Principals & Vice Principals for New Secondary Schools.

The Committee of Principals and Vice Principals was later renamed the Association of Principals and Vice Principals (APVP).

## **PURPOSE OF THE ASSOCIATION**

The Association shall recognize itself as a homogenous group of principals and vice principals of secondary schools and therefore, share common

development policies and practices

To provide a national forum for matters affecting Member Schools, to assemble, discuss and share experiences unique to these institutions.

To use the corporate experience of members to influence Ministry policy on curriculum development, financial input and other major issues which speak to the transformation of schools.

To unite the members in the spirit of friendship, goodwill and mutual understanding.

To take an active interest in matters of national importance especially as they relate to the civic, cultural, social and moral values of the Nation.

To serve as an active and efficient lobby group for better remuneration and conditions of service for all members.

To actively contribute to the professional growth and development of members in transforming the education sector

To advance the development of Principals and Vice Principals of High/Secondary Schools.

To identify and develop middle managers and senior teachers within our member schools for future advancement.

To identify and train Student Leaders within our member schools.

We anticipate your favourable response.

Regards,

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