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## **SABECO PROJECT 2016 feedback**

During the AGM on 25 June 2016 in Minnesota, the General Assembly (GA) tasked the Executive Board (EB) to revisit the project nomination and reestablish priority to hygiene and sanitation issues. The specific questions requested were:

1. Find out how many more pit toilets can be dug to enhance the hygiene situation
2. Find out what it takes to improve the toilet systems to a flushable toilets
3. What other projects are available to compare with the multipurpose sports facility?

The EB has worked hard to establish answers to these questions as follows:

1. The school administration stated that there are enough pit toilets in the school for now. The principal emphasized that there is a point where more pit toilets does not change the situation and that point has been attained. The pit toilet project we carried out last year was in lieu of a more permanent solution that may take more resources and time. In the short run, there is no need for more pit toilets
2. Flushable toilets are only a viable when there is constant supply of water. The school desires to get to that point. The Parent Teacher Association (PTA) and the school administration are meeting to establish a team to conduct feasibility studies on developing a St. Bede's College stand-alone water source. This may take up to a year to complete the studies that will include estimated costs.
3. There are several other projects at the school to include basic furniture upgrades, lighting, digital systems and most glaringly, the Jubilee Project. These are project that are being processed through other funding streams.

Therefore, the school administration re-emphasized the importance of the sports complex which will provide a modern basketball facility and volleyball. In its creation, it will be one of its kind in the entire Boyo Division. Furthermore, we are talking about improving the image of St Bede College and a facility as such will elevate the school into the premier category.

Secondly, this facility fits into one of our objectives to improve the health of students. More opportunities to exercise will improve academics and mental health of our school

Thirdly, this provides a conduit for students to explore skills that they have and would have gone undeveloped. This may be where the next generation of basketball and volleyball players come from.

**This letter is the outcome of deliberations by the EB after receipt of feedback from Rev Fr. William Neba, Principal, St. Bede's College, Ashing Kom. This is therefore the reasoned recommendation of the EB.**