OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT OF SWECC,
BUEA the: 26 July 2019.

TO THE GENERAL PUBLIC

BACK TO SCHOOL CAMPAIGN: STATEMENT OF THE SOUTH WEST
CHIEFS CONFERENCE (SWECC)

Since the 2016/2017 Academic year, activities of schools have
been disrupted, causing complete shutdown of several schools in the
South West Region. Our children who are the main victims of this sad
situation have suffered untold abuses thereby putting the future of the
entire Region in jeopardy.

Considering that our children’s education remains our most
important aspiration and fully aware that every other issue could be
moderated to give them a chance to pursue their education;

Mindful of the fact that we are not in control of the process of
resolution of the crisis plaguing our region, whereby we could
accurately assess its duration in order to minimize the educational
losses of our children;

We, the Traditional Rulers of the South West Region under the
banner of the SOUTH WEST CHIEFS CONFERENCE (SWECC), very
passionately plead that all school children in the South West Region
be allowed to resume classes come 02 September 2019.
While considering options of resolution of the crisis and praying the Almighty God and our Ancestors to lead the crisis resolution process, our children should cease from being sacrificial lambs and resume classes effectively.

We therefore, fervently appeal to all Cameroonians and particularly those in the diaspora who instituted the school boycott order in the South West Region, and have since then continued to finance and encourage the ban through their local militia, to unconditionally heed to our desperate cry and kindly allow our suffering children to pursue their education.

In this respect, we further remind our chiefs, elites and populations to organize the cleaning of all school premises in the South West Region in full preparation for school resumption.

Done in Buea, in an Extra-Ordinary Executive Meeting of South West Chiefs Conference, This 26th Day of July 2019.

Signed: President, SWECC

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