



October 19, 2018

Honorable Minister Sonii,

Thank you for making the time to speak with members of the of More Than Me Board of Directors on October 15th, 2018. I'd first like to reiterate that we recognize that we failed to protect our students from Macintosh Johnson's heinous acts, and we are so very sorry. No child should ever have to endure such horrific abuse, and it was our responsibility to prevent it from happening.

We understand the Government of Liberia intends to conduct an investigation into the issues recently made public about More Than Me. As we stated in our meeting, we stand ready to offer any assistance we can to help with this investigation, and we have formed a Select Committee for the express purpose of ensuring More Than Me stays true to its mission and cooperates fully with those who will be assessing the organization.

As you know, when we learned of Johnson's crimes in 2014, we immediately reported them to Liberian law enforcement and government ministries. We also took action to prevent it from happening again. I've attached letters we sent to government officials at the time, and we can also send you a timeline of events including several new policies and procedures we put in place.

One of the actions we took was to establish a Liberian Advisory Board, which has recently created an external panel to review the claims made in the ProPublica article.

Additionally, the Board of Directors has retained McLane Middleton, a U.S.-based law firm with deep education and investigatory expertise to conduct an in-depth, external audit of our organization, including our governing structure and administrative policies and practices. This comprehensive review will be led David Wolowitz, co-chair of McLane Middleton's Education Law Group. Mr. Wolowitz advises schools internationally and is a pioneer in applying behavioral risk management concepts to promote healthy school cultures. He is called upon by schools experiencing critical incidents relating to student health and safety and has conducted numerous reviews of schools' policies and procedures to ascertain whether they are meeting the standards of care relating to student health and safety. He also trains school personnel on how to promote healthy relationships with students, how to recognize and address early signs of inappropriate behavior, and how to respond to allegations of misconduct.

Once we review reports from the various investigations, the More Than Me Board is committed, in partnership with our Liberian Advisory Board, to taking all appropriate actions allowable under U.S. federal and state laws governing non-profit organizations.

We are grateful to our Liberian Advisory Board for their leadership during this difficult time, and we are committed to continuing to expand their responsibilities going forward.

Finally, we would like to share the attached letter with you, which was sent to parents of MTM students and the West Point community announcing that CEO Katie Meyler has taken a leave of absence and Board Chair Skip Borghese has resigned to clear the way for new leadership.

This letter can also be found on our new [Safeguarding](#) section on our website. Our Chief Program Officer will be assuming Katie Meyler's responsibilities during the investigation.

Please don't hesitate to reach out any time if we can be helpful in your investigation.

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Select Committee Members of the Board of Directors