

Bassa Dedicates Modern School

-Restored hope for children of Own Your Own

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It is no doubt, when it comes to the new development slogan, “Bassa is getting better”, when on Saturday, September 7 dedicated another modern Junior High School facility in the Own Your Own Community.

The development project which is part of the present leadership commitment in completing projects that has been left by former

administration is being constructed in the Own Your Own Community.

The new facility that is named the Own Your Own Elementary and Junior High School will help serve the education needs of over 200 school going kids from both the Own Your Own Estate and the National Housing Estate and half of the New Buchanan Community.

Giving a brief history to the erection of the project, the Community leader, Linston Kieh explained that the project came about during the administration of Julia Duncan Cassell and was later taken over and completed by the current administration.

He commended Superintendents Etweda A. Cooper and Adonie Z. Greaves and the entire team of the county's Project Management Committee for the level of development that he says will help ease the transportation problem of children who daily attend the Schools in Buchanan.

At the same time PMC Chairperson, Elizabeth M. Barwon, boasting of innovations and developmental ideas of their administration, alleged that during the past administration, projects that were implemented were substandard, and praised the new administration and says that they are doing better.

Turning over the keys of the newly constructed and modern Junior High School, the contractor company, Vansig Construction Inc. General Manager disclosed that this was not his first project given him by local authorities, but the third.

He commended past and current officials for what he termed as using local contractors for development projects.

Receiving the keys, Development Superintendent, Adonie Z. Greaves described the ceremony as a dream comes true for locals of the Own Your Own Community.

For the young people who are going to make use of the modern facility, he said it is a forward match in their education endeavor, “for leaving from a dwelling place to a real school facility”, for him it is a promise well kept.

Supt. Greaves recalled that when they took over in 2012, they met a lot of projects that were left undone, abandoned or forgotten, but disclosed that their current administration took responsibility of this project, and cancelling some of the contracts, which for now, has led the county completing about 90% of these failed projects.

He named completed projects such as the Gee Robert Road, Korkor David Town School, Jackson Kwannah Town School, and the LDLD project among other projects, with that, he added that Bassa is getting better in terms of infrastructure developments which he said the Own Your Own School is a part.

As part of the occasion, Superintendent Cooper and Greaves were honored and gowned by locals of Own Your Own Community for what they terms as “Leaders that mean Business”.

The modern facility which contains a water facility, Palava hut, arm chairs, Store room, Engine room, and Kitchen and office rooms is value in US\$ 107,849.19 cents.

Grand Bassa County Education Officer, Chapman Adams in remarks, urged teachers and community dwellers to use the facility for its intended purpose.

Pro-Temp Gbehzohngar Milton Findley been very impressed with the project, commended local officials and said that he is very happy that Bassa has completed another project, saying that there are critics in the county who always say nothing is happening.

For her part, Superintendent Cooper noted that the completion of the project signaled a portion of the dream of residents of the Own Your Own Community. “It is not just the school, but instructional materials, the children need science laboratory, library, and resource center, cafeteria, for me, the building is incomplete and this is just the first step”, she said.

Lashing on parents who she says do not care about their children’s education, but only concern for their children going to school, Supt Cooper assured citizens that the county will ensure that other facilities will be built to help these students meet the 21st Century learning environment.