President's gesture is tantamount to Sir William Wilberforce Kadumbula live in this sub-region.

Makobore High makes U-Turn on admitting girls

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KAMPALA. The newly appointed Bishop of North Kigezi Diocese and head of Makobore High school, Benoni Magezi, has succumbed to pressure from the old boys and reversed his decision to turn it into a mixed school.

This follows an earlier move to admit girls at the school in a bid to end the sporadic strikes that had dogged the school over years and increase the students' enrollment which had fallen to 128 from more than 700.

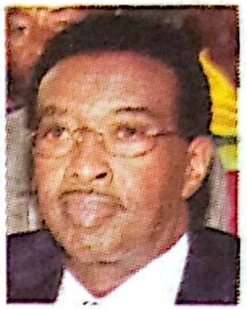
During an old boys' meeting held in Kampala on Friday, Bishop Magezi concluded: " This matter is debatable and personally I would not advise the school board to turn it into a mixed school."

He added: "We are going to have a meeting at the school and discuss how we can revamp it. The issue is that the old boys do not want the girls there."

He said they had already registered 40 new students, both boys and girls, for the new term that begins soon after several announcements on radios and televisions.

Former students at the schools who included Rukungiri Municipality MP Roland Mugume and former minister Jim Muhwezi, unanimously opposed admitting girls to the school, arguing that it is not a solution to the school woes.

Mr Mugume said: "We can salvage the school without necessarily turning it into a mixed school. As an area MP, I pledge full support."



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As a start capital to refurbish the school which was once the best in the sub-region, the old boys fundraised Shs10m and agreed to continue meeting periodically and celebrate the school's anniversaries which they will use to contribute more funds towards the school.

Mr Muhwezi said it was appalling to see that the school, which once produced the best students in the East African region, was falling into shambles.

"Therefore, it's absolutely important that anything concerning that school should be a big concern to us (the old boys)," he noted.

The school will also be holding its annual general meeting on February 25, to find solutions to the challenges currently facing the school.

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