## UGANDA PRIMIER ACADEMIC/SPORTS SCHOOL PRIMARY 1 - 7, SECONDARY 1 - 6 1500 BOYS AND GIRLS

A very unique school is being built on 40 acres of land at Nakirebe, a suburb of Kampala, about 25 kilometers west of Kampala. The school will attract the best of Uganda youth who will be taught by the best academic teachers and the best staff of full time coaches in many sports. Every student will be expected to maintain the highest academic standards and will be required to participate actively in many sports during their 13 years at the school. All the students will board at the school which will house a student body of about 1500, equally divided amongst young men and women.

## What makes this school unique:

This school will produce excellent students with a solid background in math and science, a major attribute that every country is in need of, and, physically fit graduates. In addition, by being actively involved in sports, they will understand the value of team work to accomplish goals. Sports also teaches a person to never give up. When you lose, there is always another game to play where you need to work harder and smarter to become a winner. If you are a winner, you learn that you still have to work harder and smarter, because others will be coming to make you a loser. No one wants to be a loser in life. We will produce motivated graduates with high technical and physical skills who know how to become winners.

This school will be open to all children in Uganda. Children who have no parents, or only one parent. Those who have never seen an athletic field or will never have a book in their hands or see a laboratory beaker. In the millions of children of Uganda, there is tremendous talent, we just want to give them the opportunity to develop the many talents that exist. It is terrible to let this talent never see the light of day, especially in a country that is starving for leadership to restore it's luster as the "Pearl of Africa" as labeled by Winston Churchill.

## How the school will operate:

Every student will participate in a variety of competitive sports every year. No student will be allowed to be a "bench sitter."

The normal instructional school day will start at about 8AM and run to about 5PM. During that time, every class will have two hours of sport participation and one hour for lunch, and therefore, about 6 hours of classroom instruction, which will cover all subjects with an emphasis on math and science. Besides the sports and academics, it will also have all the other programs that are associated with outstanding schools. This will include music programs, art programs and other student participation programs.

Sport participation will be handled as follows:

Each of the 13 classes will have about 115 students. Half will be boys and half girls, or about 58 in each class. Two classes will be combined for sports based upon ages. That means there will be about 115 boys in S1 when combined with S2. The same for the girls.

From 9AM-11AM the children of P4 and P5 will have sport participation.

From 11AM-1PM the children of P6 and P7 will have sport participation

From 1PM-3PM the children of S1 and S2 will have sport participation

From 3PM-5PM the children of S3 and S4 will have sport participation

From 5PM-7PM the children of S5 and S6 will have sport participation

During the day, the classes of P1,P2 and P3 will have two hours scheduled to be taught how, run, throw, catch, kick, swim, and play other types of games.

The 115 boys of each of the five groups above will be split in 5 groups of about 23 each. On Monday, a group of 23 would play baseball (softball for girls). They would make up 2 teams. On Tuesday, they would play soccer, again 2 teams, and on Wednesday they would play basketball, this time 4 teams. On Thursday they might participate in Track and Field, and on Friday, swimming or another sport. This program would be repeated every week so that every child gets the opportunity to participate in all the

sports. Thus every year, every child from P3 on would be playing at least 40 games in all the sports, or 400 games after 10 years. Nothing can teach like the experience one gets from playing the games. When they reach their upper teams and have mostly grown, they can select the sport they think they are best suited for and concentrate on that sport. On the weekends, they would be free to play any sport they like and thus would compose the schools teams to participate in interscholastic competition representing the school. The school would be open every day of the year for the students to stay and train if they wished when schools normally are closed. All our coaches would be working full time since athletes would be playing and training every day from 9AM to 7PM. Thus we could attract the best coaches available.

The schools only needs class rooms for 1270 students since the rest would be participating in sports. The school would have the necessary classrooms, library, and laboratories to make sure we attract the best teachers. The students would be fed a properly balanced diet for the active lives they will be expected to be leading. It would be far superior to what is normally done in most boarding schools.

The athletic facilities will be the best possible. We already have 5 baseball and softball fields built, with a sixth in the plans. We expect to have at least 2, and probably 4 basketball courts which will be covered. We expect to have a 400 meter 8 lane track and full size soccer field, an 8 lane 25 meter swimming pool, tennis courts and other type gym facilities. Because of anticipated use, the soccer field will have an artificial surface. Thus we expect to have the best athletic facilities and the best academic facilities to attract the best and the brightest students, teachers and coaches from Uganda and East Africa. We expect to produce very productive young men and women as our graduates who will make great contributions to their fellow countrymen.

## **Funding**

As indicated above, 5 fields have been constructed as this is written. The land has been purchased that has a natural spring to supply clean water. Power is at the site and a couple of buildings have already been built. To finish the school buildings, dormitories for 1500 students, an artificial surface soccer field and covered basketball courts and swimming pool that could be used for some international competition, will require about \$3 million dollars US.

The school can operate in two ways.

The first is to charge for tuition and room and board for all students. If we do this, the school can probably make money by charging about \$1,000 to 1,500 per student per year.

The second way is to not charge tuition or room and board. If we were to do this, we would need about \$1.5 to 2 million per year to cover all operating costs and routine maintenance. This opens the school up to every young boy and girl in Uganda so that the student body would consist of the best, no matter what the future students economic or social standing.

We hope that this school, when built and operating will be the prototype for many other schools like it throughout the country and the world.