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LA SALLE PRIMARY

NAKA, NIGERIA



ABOUT THE SCHOOL, STUDENTS AND STAFF

La Salle Primary opened in September 2019 with one first grade class. The school expects to have 51 students for the 2021-2022 academic year, with 26 returning students in second and third grades, 20 new students in first grade and five new students in the second and third grade classes. About 65 percent of students are from families that are financially underprivileged. More than half of the students are children of peasant farmers, while the rest are children of petty traders, civil servants and other wage earners. The school has 13 staff members (eight men and five women), which include eight teachers and five people in other roles. School is in session from mid-September through the end of July with extended breaks in December, April and August. The school continues to take COVID-19 precautions. As of August, measures were more relaxed since the area was not experiencing a large number of cases.



CHALLENGES

The biggest challenge students face is getting an education is not having enough money to pay school fees. La Salle's tuition is approximately \$130 USD per term with additional fees. While the cost of education at La Salle is lower than other Catholic schools, most parents are unable to pay fees. Donations funded the first phase of construction of La Salle Primary. The school plans to add more classrooms, along with offices, a chapel, laboratories, studios, a kitchen, a dining facility and dorm space. While the school had planned to fundraise to cover the \$300,000 of the next construction phase, the school now expects to need at least \$500,000 due to inflation. Construction of the second phase has started, thanks to donations already received. La Salle Primary plans to eventually serve 500-600 students in first through sixth grades.



Construction is underway with the foundation being laid.



ABOUT NAKA

La Salle Primary is located in Naka, Nigeria, which is 43 kilometers (about 27 miles) from Makurdi, the capital. Naka is an agrarian community with about 220,000 people. It has become a place of refuge for many rural farmers from neighboring villages who have been displaced by clashes between indigenous Tiv farmers and invading Fulani nomads. Given the migration of peasant farmers to Naka, the demand for quality education is immense, and many families are looking for a primary school that will provide a sound moral, spiritual and academic background for their children as they hope for a better future.



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