



SONA 2026 - EXPECTATIONS FROM EDUWATCH

The President of the Republic, H.E John Dramani Mahama will present his second State of the Nation Address (SONA) tomorrow, Friday 27th February 2026, exactly a year after presenting his first address last year.

In the first (2025) SONA, the President outdoored his vision for education, through some 41 initiatives and major reforms that his government aims to pursue during his tenure.

One year after implementing a full budget cycle with a significant allocation of GH¢42.1 billion to education in 2025, Eduwatch expects His Excellency to provide an account of how the funds have been applied in pursuit of his outlined vision for education, the key accomplishments and outcomes that have emerged in the past year, while acknowledging challenges and mitigation strategies to strengthen policy and budgetary efficiency and effectiveness.

As a priority for 2026, Eduwatch expects His Excellency to provide an update on Government's strategy for the targeted recruitment and equitable deployment of teachers to underserved basic schools. The failure to undertake teacher recruitment in the 2025 financial year has deepened existing staffing deficits, particularly in deprived and rural districts where shortages were already severe. This policy gap has not only strained learning conditions but has also aggravated the out-of-school children crisis in communities where access to qualified teachers remains a decisive barrier to participation and retention.

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