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Business People in our midst

Members of schools governing bodies

Educators and learners

Parents

Ladies and Gentlemen

It is usually said that a nation which does not invest in its children, does not have a future. It is doomed because without a good and strong foundation, its future looks bleak. It is doomed because it never laid a firm foundation for its future generations. In the words of author and motivator, John Richardson, Junior and I quote:

*"When it comes to the future, there are three kinds of people: those who let it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened."*

The question I pose to you this morning as parents, schools management teams, educators, learners and business people is, in which category do you classify yourself? Are you part of those who let things happen while folding