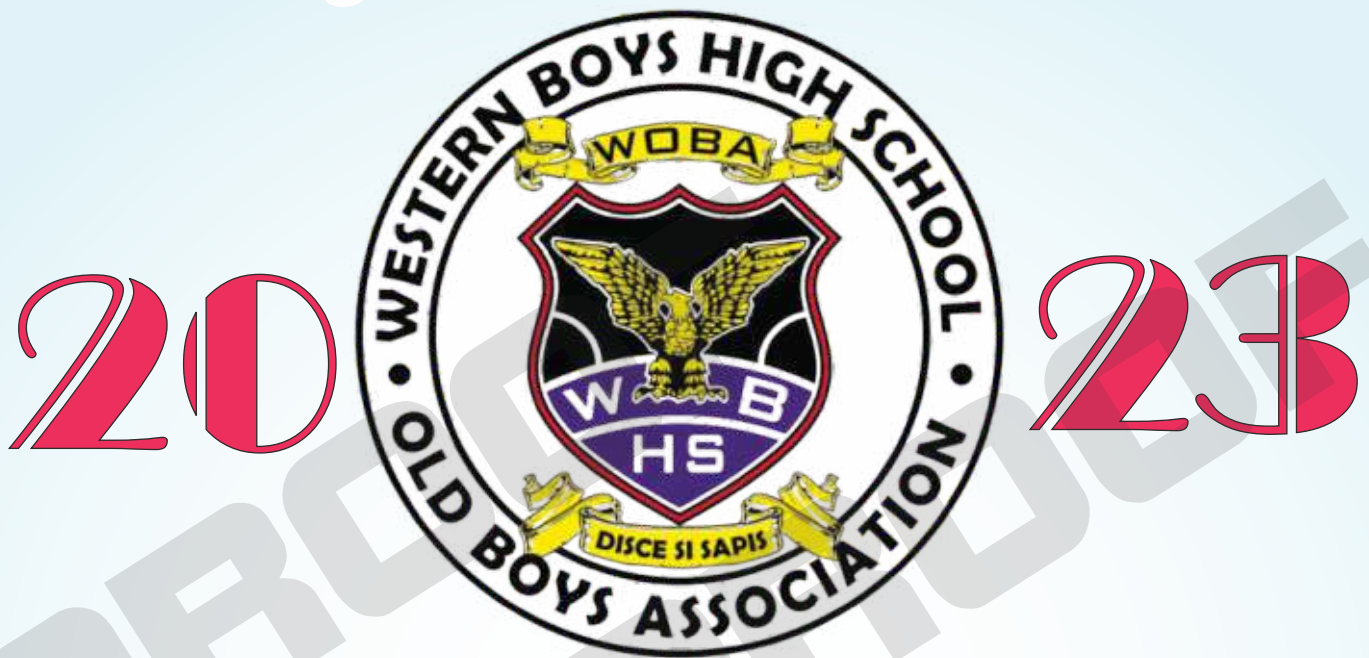




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## WBHS Annual Reunion and Fundraiser Hosted by WOBA Texas Chapter

**Saturday July 29th, 2023  
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# Up West Boys! No Rival!

Class of 82

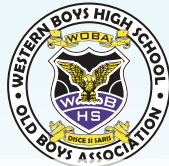
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Woba North America on 13th Annual Reunion.



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## Western Boys High School Old Boys Association (WOBA) North America 2023 Reunion in Dallas, Texas

### President Keynote Address

*All protocols observed.*

Let me start by thanking Wobaites in North America for the opportunity given me to serve as your President for this length of time. Furthermore, let me appreciate my colleagues in the Executive;

Tony Eguaveon – Vice President

Oladele Ojeikere – Asst. Secretary

Lawson Ighodaro – Financial Secretary

Osasu Omere – Secretary

Friday Oviawe – Treasurer

Olabode Obanor – PRO

Please allow me give special thanks to WOBA North America very first executive who provided us the shoulders upon which to stand. Francis Agbonkpolor, Henry Odiase, Osasu Omere, Idemudia Aiyevbomwan, Pst Charles Cole, Benson Osagiede.

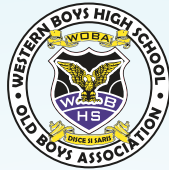
The Executive stayed the course, deliberating together and with the WOBA family achieved some success. We are not where we want to be; but we are better than where we were.

I need to particularly express our appreciation for the confidence reposed in us in granting us a wholesale extension during the covid-19 period.

With your human and financial support WOBA North America has become the fulcrum on which our alma mater and WOBA Worldwide oscillate. We galvanised support for and brought on stream WOBA National (Nigeria), though it still stands on wobbly legs.

We encouraged and worked with wobaites in chapters, geographical areas, sets, groups and individuals to put effort in contributing to the development in our alma mater and great successes have been achieved – provision of needed class room furniture and on-going and whiteboards, renovation of classroom to create more learning spaces and make them functional, financial support to indigent students to assist in WAEC and NECO, general renovations and maintenance in the school to enhance quality of life, provision of annual awards of computers to best students in JSS and SSS, cash gifts to Principals/Teachers in recognition of services and in recent times sports kits donation and awards for achievements in various sporting competitions.

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## President Keynote Address

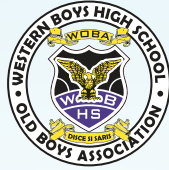
*(Page 2 of President Keynote Address)*

We have made concerted efforts to reach government functionaries including the Edo State Governor to bring to their notice our desire to partner with them in a bid to engender efficiency and effectiveness in the administration of our alma mater and we have achieved little success.

The Edo state government recently introduced School Management Boards (SMB) possibly in its effort at developments and desire for improvement of standards in secondary schools. We have Wobaitees who, as members of the SMB, are using the platform to inform the government of the importance of reactivating Boarding House.

Introduction of Boarding House would bring discipline, cohesion through living together and security which has particularly eluded the school due to absence of people in the premises after school hours and on weekends. While pledging our unalloyed support, let me on behalf of the executive and WOBA North America welcome the incoming executive and wish them success in steering WOBA North America to greater heights.

Thanks  
Patrick Ohonsi

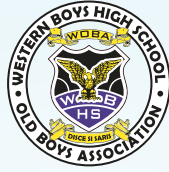


## Achievements Update



WOBA North America  
What we have done since 2012...

- Annual Award Ceremony  
(Edosa Owens Award) for students and teachers.
- Salaries for Security Guards
- Salary for Liason Officer
- Furniture
- Solar Lights
- Kits for the School Soccer Team
- Endowment Fund
- Financial Assistance to Indigent Students
- Provision of Sporting Equipments
- Financial Award for Athletics' Performance
- Etc.



**Patrick Ohonsi**

President

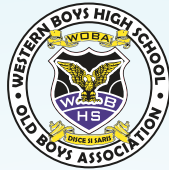
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## HISTORY OF WESTERN BOYS HIGH SCHOOL - BENIN CITY

Western Boys High School was established as a Commercial Training College in 1943 by a group of philanthropists. It was sited at Ikpoba Road (Now Akpakpava Road).

Prominent among the founders were the late Chief (Senator) A.O. Airewele and the late Bishop G.R.A. Unubun both from Igor, Ekpoma, Esan West Local Government.

In 1947, the school was approved and became a full grammar school. The site was then moved to the Old Ogiso Quarters (Royal Palace) at the East Circular Area of Benin City. A primary school was established along with it.

It can rightly be asserted that the college was the first to be established by private individuals in Nigeria. The first thirty two colleges starting with Baptist College in 1855 down to Edo College in 1937 were established by missionaries and governments. It coincided with the establishment of Hussey College by the Rewane family in 1947. Initially the management of the school was rotated between the two major subscribers mentioned above but with time, the government, by a fiat made Chief Airewele the managing proprietor of the school.

He accepted the challenge with consummate passion and deployed his entire God given energy and resources to the development of the school.

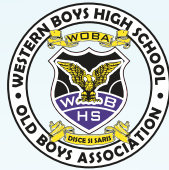
The school comprised a U-shaped set of three blocks which were used as classrooms, laboratory and assembly hall. The boarding houses comprised a motley of private rented buildings in the adjoining communities. There was a football field which provided space for athletics.

At the beginning, there was a high turnover of teaching staff and principals. However in 1953, the proprietor made a painstaking search for and employed a pioneer graduate of University College Ibadan Mr Okechi Amu-Nnadi. A synergy developed between the two marking a new era of notable advancement for the school.

Within a year, in 1954, the school was approved by the government. With a hired band, the students marched to the Royal Palace to share the joy with His Royal Majesty Oba Akenzua the Second who loved education so much having been a product of Kings College Lagos. His son then Prince Frank Akenzua was sent to the school the following year. In 1956, the school was approved for Government Class Four Certificate. In 1957, the school was approved for West African School Certificate (WAEC) examinations.

Performances in the first three attempts were not satisfactory but in 1960, the year of independence and also the year of the movement to Oregbeni the school shot through the clouds recording a success rate of about ninety per cent success. For the first time three passed in grade one namely, the late Dr A. U. Obozuwa who was an eminent lawyer and parliamentarian, Prof C. O. Osakue (Law) and Prof U.M.O. Ivowi (Solid State Physics).

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*(History of western boys high school page 2)*

The school moved to a 49.50 acre land in Oregbeni its present site in the third term of 1960 the year of our independence.

From the beginning, the school made contributions in athletics and football. In 1954, late Nafiu Belo Osagie a student of the school won a bronze medal in high jump at the Commonwealth Games in Vancouver Canada the same games in which the late Ifeajuna shook the world with a gold medal haven leapt 6' 8" in high jump. It is on record that seven members of the football team that won the junior world Cup in 1985 were from our school.

The school has produced high profile individuals who have contributed towards the development of Nigeria. The first military governor of the then Midwest state in 1967 and later civilian governor of Bendel state in 1983 the late Brig-Gen. Samuel Ogbemudia was an old boy of our school. The school has produced many ministers, state commissioners, permanent secretaries and eminent professionals in many fields.

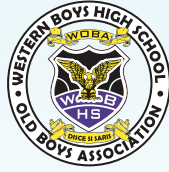
The school has produced many academic giants including three Vice-chancellors, namely, Prof D.O. Aigbomian (A.A.U) Prof G.O. Oshodin and Prof F.F. Osarumwense (both Uniben) There must be similar laurels from our old boys in the diaspora.

Finally it is apposite to say a word about our great proprietor Chief (Senator) Asuelimen Osazee Airewele. He was an extraordinarily endowed man in the management and execution of any project. He dreamt and actualized the project. He poured out his life as a libation for the school. With dogged determination and unflagging perseverance, he surmounted the challenges that beset in the great odyssey. He lived in a rented bungalow in Igun St for many years. He obtained loans and bought cars for any graduate teacher he could employ whilst he rode on a bicycle to school every day. He had no office in the school but would hang on with the bursar or the principal every day. He borrowed money to sponsor teachers to study at the only university at Ibadan then. It was when we moved to Oregbeni that he eventually got a beetle car (WB4119). May his soul rest in peace.

Also worthy of mention is Mr Okechukwu Amu-Nnadi who was a pioneer graduate of the University College Ibadan and joined the school in 1953 and along with the proprietor carried the school to an enviable level when he left in 1962. He was a graduate of mathematics and physics but was extraordinarily gifted in the use of English language. He was a good and virtuous man modest in appearance and he appeared to have been trained from early childhood in every good practice. He was a great inspiration to all who came across him. He was an exceptional lover of sports. He complemented the proprietor very much.

There was Dr G.U. Onukaogu who had B Sc (Biological Chemistry), M.A (History) and PhD (Political Science) all from Michigan State University. He brought science to the school and rebuffed all entreaties to join more lucrative employments. He had the habit of taking the whole school through philosophical excursions from time to time.

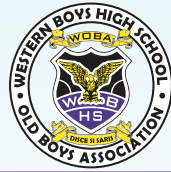
Snr Sam. E. Emiowele, Senior Prefect (1962)



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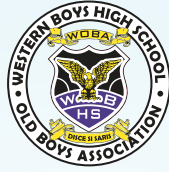
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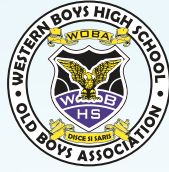


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*From*  
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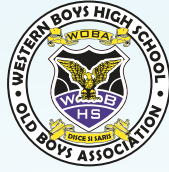




On behalf of my family, we are wishing Dallas and the entire WOBAS family a successful 2023 reunion

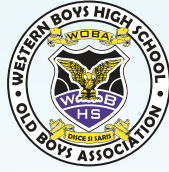
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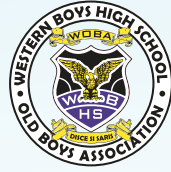


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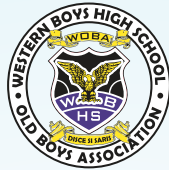


Eric & Esosa



*Wishing*

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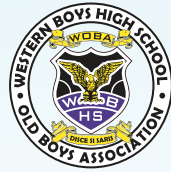
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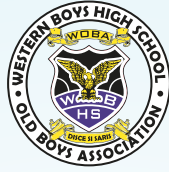


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# Inspirational Words

Don't depend too much on anyone in this world. Even your shadow leaves you in the darkness.

The best thing about the worst time of your life is that you get to know the colors of everyone.

Don't feel bad if people remember you only when they need you, feel privileged that you are like a candle that comes to their mind when there is darkness.

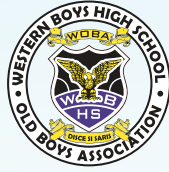
When something bad happens you have three choices. You can either let it define you, let it destroy you, or you can let it strengthen you.

God has a purpose for your pain, a reason for your struggles, and a reward for your faithfulness. Don't ever give up!

Memories are the threads that hold together the patchwork of friendships, so let's keep building more memories. See you all in 2024! Up West Boys! No Rival!

The entire staff of NIGOSA Limited felicitates Texas Chapter for a successful 2023 WOBA NA Annual reunion.

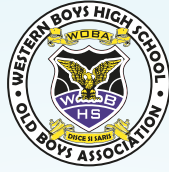
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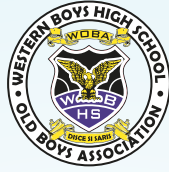
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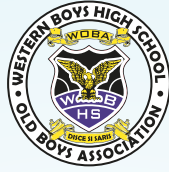
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**Wishing all a wonderful meeting and a day and night of fun.**



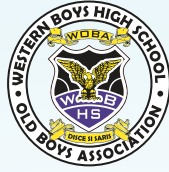


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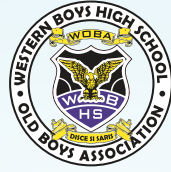


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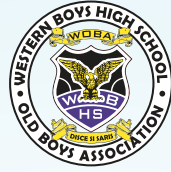
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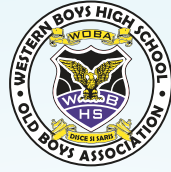
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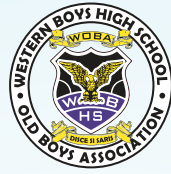




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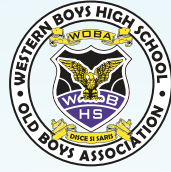
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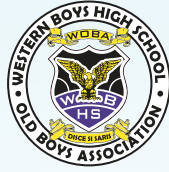


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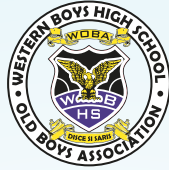
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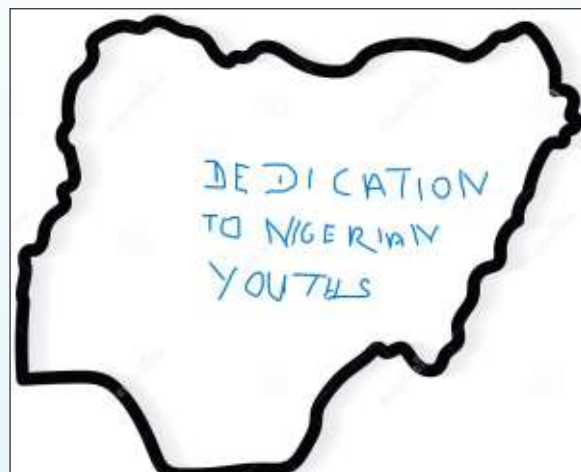
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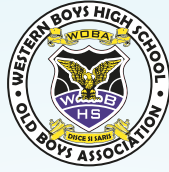
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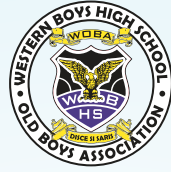
YOUR STRUGGLES ARE NOT IN VAIN  
AND ALL GOOD MEANING NIGERIANS  
AND THE WORLD STAND WITH YOU.

CONTINUE THE GOOD FIGHT  
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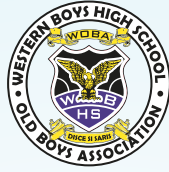




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**Osasu Omere**

General Secretary

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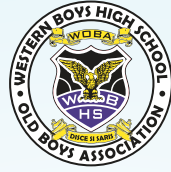
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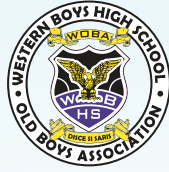
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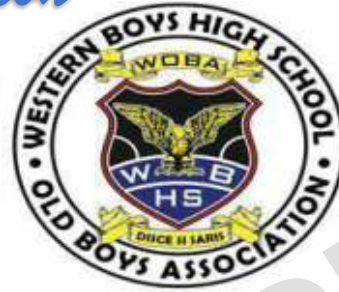


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**20** *Annual Re-Union*  
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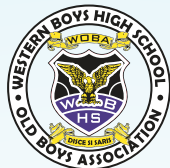
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Standing from left to right

Dr. Charles Edogiawerie  
Ik Oghafua  
Benjamin Ehigie  
Omoruyi Ogbebor

Members not pictured

Vincent Ehigie  
Sunny Oki  
Ik Ehiheme  
Austin Iredia

Sitting from left to right

Godwin Agbogun  
Ekpem Idemudia  
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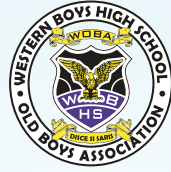
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# WOBA TEXAS

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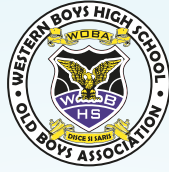


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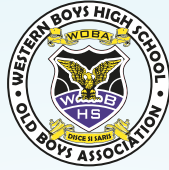




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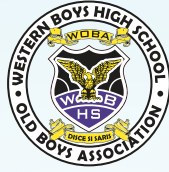


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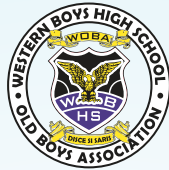
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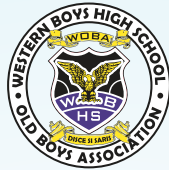
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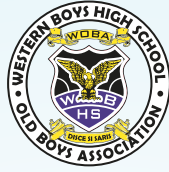
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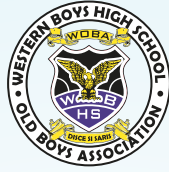
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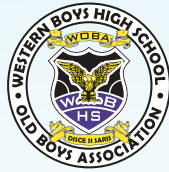




## Tony Ogbeide Family

*Wishes WOBA a very successful  
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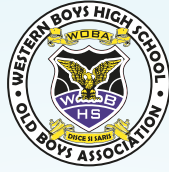
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## **A pseudo-democracy**

### **Of what democracy should we call this?**

**A sham suffrage that fell short way beyond any reasonable expectation, fraught with malpractices, votes manipulations, intimidations, and widespread rigging.**

**Splattered with insipid toppings in the character of an election umpire who refused to abide by his own rules or the framework of the country's written canon. And who went ahead to declare a winner amid disturbing instances of votes falsification and ballot alterations.**

**And served his spurious results to a disappointed and deflated electorate.**

**Accented by the then president, a former monocrat on horseback who is more politically tone-deaf than a rat with a megaphone.**

**What sort of democracy would we call this?**

**Is this what the generation unborn is destined to inherit?  
Should we continue this version of self-rule?**

**Or is it time to reassess and reconsider, or, perhaps axe the entire cunningly and pretentious acting we call democracy?**

**The people stood, hands akimbo,  
not knowing what to do while the world watches on.**

**By  
Orobosa, Fiakpore, and LaBode**

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