

While the dust raised by Sylvester's death was yet to settle, another student of St. Michael's Boys College, Ozubulu, Anambra State, Bright Chimdalụ Onyekwulujẹ, 11, allegedly died as a result of negligence on the part of the school management. The school was said to have refused to call his parents to pick him up after he took ill. An only son of his parents, he died on December 17, 2021.

Bright's father, Prince Cornelius Onyekwulujẹ, said even when the student's health had totally deteriorated, the management insisted he must stay behind to finish his exams before he could be released, saying the decision was the reason for his death.

He said: "My son died out of negligence on the part of the school. He was sick and they refused to tell us. It was my son's cousin that borrowed a phone to call his mother to tell us to come and pick Bright that he was dying.

"He told us he has been the one backing him from the school hostel to the classroom every day to sit for exams.

"Even after the call, I reached the guardian of my son but he lied to me that the boy was okay and that it was nothing serious. I insisted on coming from Port Harcourt, Rivers State, where I live to pick him, and they insisted it was nothing serious.

"When I insisted I must see him, I was surprised the boy looked so bad that he was already dying. I asked the guardian if this was the boy he said was alright, but he did not answer. Now I have lost my only son."

However, the principal of the school, Rev. Fr. Romanus Ike Muoma, denied that the management delayed in releasing the student to his parents. According to him, he was promptly treated for malaria before he suffered a relapse.