



Proposed Safe, Phased Reopening of Schools



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National Level Experience on Reopening Schools

- **Guidance from Chief Medical Officer**
- **Major Stakeholder engagement (Unions, Administrators, Parents, Students)**
- **Data driven (Surveys)**
- **Reconsideration of locally based examination (MST Grade 2/4)**
- **Identification of regional positions(CSEC)**
- **Health and safety protocols**
- **Sanitization of the schools**




Current challenges or perceived limitations

- **Anxiety (Stakeholders)**
- **Concerns reference students/staff with health issues**
- **Cleanliness of schools**
- **Adequate engagement with various teachers**
- **Counselling of students and staff**
- **Available water resources**
- **Protocols for use of masks**



Departmental Strategy

- **Phased Approach**
- **Individual school instructional plans**
- **Specific to Grade 6 and Form 5**
- **June 2 (Monday to Thursday, 9-1)**
- **Engagements and consultations**
- **Water / School feeding / Transportation / Use of masks/Sanitization/Teacher voice**
- **Counselling services**



Students scheduled to write the various examinations

- CSEC 2444
- CAPE 492
- CCSLC 113
- Common Entrance Examinations 2198



Strengths and Opportunities, we can build on

- **Opportunities to improve e-learning strategies**
- **Recognition of the inequality of access among families**
- **Need for improved training**
- **Return to happiness program**
- **Psychosocial interventions**
- **Resilience of staff and students**



Every child/Every Staff Member

- Blended approach: combination of distance learning/face to face learning
- Well being of every student/staff
- Higher risk students/staff (medical/vulnerable)
- Stakeholder engagements

Thank you

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**When we learn how
to become resilient,
we learn how to
embrace the
beautifully broad
spectrum of the
human experience**

Jaeda Dewalt

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