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

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

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