

# MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

### INTRODUCTION

Members are being asked to note that the Ministry of Education, (MoE), is accelerating its Infrastructure Development Programme, in order to provide equitable access to a high quality education system for Jamaican children aged three (3) to eighteen (18) years.

### BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Education's Infrastructure Development is jointly handled by the Technical Team at the Ministry and National Education Trust. In addition to providing Project Management services for projects that are funded by Capital A and Capital B budgets, NET also builds relationships and solicits funding from partners such as Jamaica Social Investment Fund (JSIF), CHASE Fund, Food For The Poor and the Private Sector.

The contributions from these partners have supplemented the amounts allocated from the Government's Budget and have provided well needed support in meeting the strategic objectives of the Ministry. The MoE will continue to build on the existing relationships and forge new partnerships in order to maintain the momentum on the Infrastructure Development Programme.

### PRIMARY OBJECTIVES OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME

The primary objectives of the Infrastructure Development Programme are to;

- i. Create additional Infant Departments for the early childhood level
- ii. Improve access and quality places for students at the primary level. This includes a major drive to eliminate pit latrines in schools by 2015.
- iii. Create additional places for students at the secondary level

## **INITIATIVES TO DATE**

To date, the MoE, through the National Education Trust (NET), has achieved the following;

- Construction of The Cedar Grove Academy. The school opened in September 2013 with a complement of just under one hundred (100) students. The school's enrolment is now one hundred and forty (140) students - Grade 7 (4 classes) and Sixth Form (2 classes). The capacity of the school is one thousand two hundred (1200) students and work is close to completion. The estimated completion cost of the new facility is **J\$778M**.
- Extension to Belair High School in Mandeville was completed in October 2013. This involved the addition of eight (8) classrooms at a cost of **J\$36M**.
- Extension of eight (8) classrooms to Holy Trinity High School in Kingston was completed in January 2014 at a cost of **J\$35.5M**. A sanitary block is to be constructed during this fiscal year.
- Extension to Garvey Maceo High School in Clarendon was completed in January 2014; three (3) classrooms were added at a cost of **J\$12.7M**.
- Extensions to five (5) schools - Bridgeport High, Edith Dalton James High, Tacius Golding, Herbert Morrison High and Aabuthnott Gallimore High - are currently in progress. Work on Titchfield High is scheduled to start in early May 2014. The total cost for the six (6) schools is **J\$115.4M**.
- Extension to Hampton High School is in progress. This involves an eight (8) classroom block and a sanitary block at a cost of **J\$39.5M**.
- Extension of Jonathan Grant High School is in progress. This extension will involve eleven (11) new classrooms. Funding for the classroom extension was provided by the school while the sanitary block and sewerage works will be funded from the Capital A Budget. The total works will cost **J\$55.2M**.
- Preparation of drawings and pre-contract and procurement activities in respect of the Montpelier Complex have been concluded. The total contract is valued at **J\$123M**.
- Establishment of twenty nine (29) Infant Departments in primary schools at a cost of J\$51M. These Infant Departments have been operational since September 2013. Phase 2 of this project is now in progress with an additional twenty eight (28) targeted to be operational by September 2014. This is cost approximately **J\$51M**.

## **PROJECTIONS**

For the 2014/2015 Fiscal Year, the Ministry will continue with the renovations and extensions to existing secondary schools and the creation of Infant Departments in Primary Schools. This will include the renovation of the Montpelier Complex for use as an extension to Anchovy High School. This project, in the sum of J\$123,584,908.50, was approved by Cabinet in March 2014.

Additionally, CHASE Funds will provide J\$87M for the establishment of Infant Departments in eight (8) schools. JSIF has undertaken to fund five (5) schools at a cost of J\$223M. It will construct between ten (10) and twelve (12) classrooms at each school to reduce overcrowding and provide access to the disabled.

To reduce the current expenditure of approximately J\$2M per month for rental of properties to house agencies, office facilities at a cost of approximately J\$140M, will be constructed at the Ministry's Caenwood Centre. This is expected to result in savings over the long run.

## **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The Infrastructure Development Programme is expected to amount to approximately J\$1.3B using both Capital A and Capital B funding.



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