

## INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT

### INTRODUCTION

Members are being asked to note that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information is continuing its Infrastructure Development Programme, in order to eliminate the shift system as a short term measure to address the shortage of school places at the primary and secondary levels. The programme is also being undertaken in order to provide equitable access and/or attachment to a quality education system for Jamaican children.

### BACKGROUND

The Ministry of Education's Infrastructure Development is jointly handled by the Technical Team at the Ministry and the National Education Trust (NET). In addition to providing project management services for projects that are funded by the 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 continue to supplement the amounts allocated from the Government's Budget and have provided well needed support in meeting the strategic objectives of the Ministry. The Ministry and NET will continue to build on the existing relationships and forge new partnerships with all stakeholders to ensure the momentum on the Infrastructure Development Programme.

### INITIATIVES TO DATE

To date the Ministry, through the National Education Trust (NET) has achieved the following:

- Extension to Mt. St. Joseph Catholic High School was completed in October 2015; six (6) new classrooms, changing and toilet facilities at a cost of **J\$63.9M** were achieved;
- Extension to Holy Trinity High School was completed in October 2015; a new toilet block was added at a cost of **J\$8.36M**;
- Extension to the Seymour Edwards Infant School was completed in October 2015; a new school block was constructed at a cost of **J\$27M**.

- Extension to Titchfield High School was completed in March 2016; a staircase was added at a cost of **J\$3 M**.
- Extension to Tacky High School was completed in June and July 2015; Refurbishing of the Administration Block and the Auditorium were completed at a cost of **J\$18M and J\$4.5M** respectively.
- Extension to Vauxhall High School (Phase 1) was completed in July 2015: four (4) new classrooms were added at a cost of **J\$16M**.
- Extensions to sixteen schools are in progress and are carried forward from the 2015/2016 period. These are Norman Manley High School, Old Harbour High School, Maggotty High School, Charlie Smith High School, Belair High School (Phase III), Aabuthnott Gallimore High School, Bridgeport High School, Edith Dalton High School, Herbert Morrison High School, Tacius Golding High School (Phase II), Titchfield High School, Hampton High School, Cedar Grove High School, Vauxhall High School and Mount Saint Joseph Catholic High School( Phase II) These contracts are at various stages of completion and the overall cost for these projects is **J\$218M**. (See **Appendix 1**)
- Extensions to five schools are at various stages of the pre-contract activities – Sam Sharp Teacher’s College, Campbell’s Castle All Age, Port Maria Primary School, Mount Saint Joseph Catholic High School Phase III and Belair High School Phase III. The total cost for the five (5) schools is **J\$148.5M**.

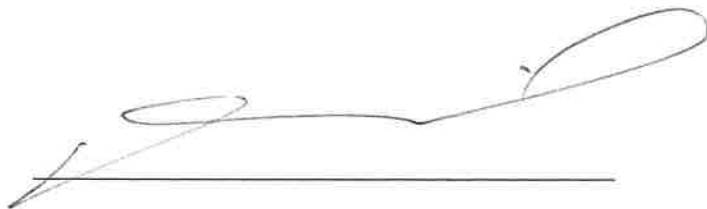
## **PROJECTIONS**

For the 2016/2017 Fiscal Year, the Ministry will continue with the renovations and extensions to existing primary and secondary schools and Construction of Diagnostic and Early Childhood Centres at Sam Sharpe Teacher’s College. This will include the construction of sewage and drainage system at the Port Maria Primary School; construction of fifth and sixth Form Classroom Blocks and sewage disposal system at Mt. St. Joseph Catholic High School (Phase III); a toilet Block at Belair High School and repair and renovation works to be done at the College of Agriculture Science and Education (CASE). See **Appendix 1** for list of schools and cost details.

Additionally, the Japanese Government project will provide funds of **J\$57M** for the construction of 5 classroom Block with 1 staff room at Campbell’s Castle All Age; **J\$9.7M & \$10.5M were allocated** for renovations and repairs at Breadnut Hill Primary school and Warsop Primary School, respectively. Construction of a new 2 Classroom Learning Centre at Rock River Primary School will also be funded by the Japanese at a cost of **J\$10.6M**.

## **BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS**

The Infrastructure Development Programme is expected to amount to approximately **J\$706.4M** using both Capital A and Capital B funding.

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Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, CD, JP

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