

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION YOUTH AND INFORMATION

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE MINISTRY OF EDUCATION, YOUTH AND INFORMATION

INTRODUCTION

Members are being asked to note the attached booklet “**Achieving a better grade**” which encapsulates the achievements of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information for the period March 2016 - August 2017.

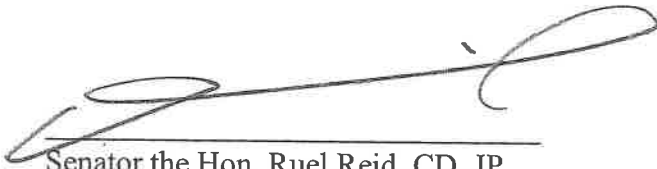
BACKGROUND

On August 23, 2017, at the recently held Jamaica Teachers Association Conference the Honourable Minister of Education, Youth and Information was provided with the opportunity to highlight some of the achievements of the Ministry over the past eighteen (18) months and the medium to long term strategies and priorities that are set to be achieved in the next five years. The highlights from the Minister’s speech were documented in the booklet.

THE BOOKLET

The booklet provides details of the Ministry’s responses and interventions at the Early Childhood and Primary levels and cites developments in relation to Curriculum Teaching and Learning, Capacity Building and Institutional Strengthening and Infrastructure Development. The status of the some of the policies, such as, the Special Education Policy, Youth and Adolescents Policy and the ICT Policy which are being developed to support these interventions are also included in the booklet.

The booklet points out the increases made in the budgetary allocation to support the policy direction of the Government. It also provides information on the increases at the All Age and Junior High levels from \$11,500 per student to \$19,000 per student as well as the Ministry’s commitment to provide the funding required at all levels of the education system.



Senator the Hon. Ruel Reid, CD, JP

Minister

August 30, 2017

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