

# **The Bahamas Homeschool Association**

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## **Ministry of Education, Science, and Technology's Press Conference**

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Remarks by Pastor Cedric Moss,  
President of The Bahamas Homeschool Association

The Bahamas Homeschool Association welcomes the Ministry of Education Science and Technology's decision to regulate homeschooling in The Bahamas.

It is a decision that we have eagerly anticipated for many years now, so we are grateful that this day has finally come.

Homeschooling in The Bahamas continues to grow at a rapid pace, so the regulations are both essential and timely.

We are grateful that the Ministry engaged the Bahamas Homeschool Association and other homeschooling stakeholders in meaningful dialogue, out of which the regulations were developed.

We are also grateful that the Ministry has taken a common sense, light touch approach to regulation, and it is clear that the objective is to facilitate, not frustrate, parents and guardians who homeschool their children.

We in The Bahamas Homeschool Association pledge our full support for these regulations, and we will seek to ensure that all of our members are aware of them and are compliant with them.

But recognizing that the homeschooling community is much larger than the Bahamas Homeschool Association, we urge all homeschooling practitioners to support and comply with these common sense regulations. Doing so will accrue to the good of our children and the practice of homeschooling in The Bahamas.

Finally, I wish to commend Minister Jerome Fitzgerald, as well as Dr. Marcellus Taylor and his team, for all of their efforts in bringing the regulation of homeschooling into effect in The Bahamas.