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AUGUST HIGHLIGHTS

Ministers' School Tour Opening Day



Above: MOETVT Minister Glensys Hanna Martin speaks with E.P. Roberts Primary School students

Above: MOETVT Minister of State, Zane Lightbourne (far left), and MOETVT Minister Glensys Hanna Martin, (4th from left) are pictured with C.H. Reeves Junior High School students.

The Minister of Education & Technical & Vocational Training Glensys Hanna Martin accompanied by State Minister Zane Lightbourne personally welcomed hundreds of students back to school during a tour of several New Providence schools on August 29th.

It was a wonderful day for teachers and students as it marked the first time that children had returned to school campuses for full face-to-face instruction since the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020. The Ministers visited classes at Thelma Gibson Primary, E.P. Roberts Primary, Claridge Primary, C.H. Reeves Jr. High, and Doris Johnson Senior High schools to meet and thank teachers. They also addressed students personally, encouraging them to do their best.



New Teachers Orientation 2022



Above: MOETVT Minister of State, Zane Lightbourne addresses new teachers.

Above: Participants of the New Teachers Orientation 2022.

Two hundred fifty nine new teachers hired by the Ministry of Education & Technical & Vocational Training were officially welcomed by Ministry executives led by Minister Glensys Hanna Martin and State Minister Zane Lightbourne at the annual two day New Teachers Orientation held August 17/18 at the Holy Trinity Activity Centre.

Among the 259 new hires, twenty percent are recent University of the Bahamas graduates, thirty five Cuban teachers and sixty five former teachers returning to the profession.

Attendance Officers Begin Training Workshop



Above from left: MOETVT Minister Glensys Hanna Martin gives advise to Attendance Officers in Training.

Above: Attendance Officers in the Training Workshop.

Twenty-five attendance officers began a training workshop at the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training on Monday, August 22.

The attendance officers, who were selected by a review committee at the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training, will be responsible for ensuring that all children between the ages of five through sixteen regularly attend school.

Thousands of students were not actively engaged in the online school platform during the pandemic and many did not return when school reopened for face-to-face instruction, according to Minister of Education and Technical and Vocational Training, Hon. Glensys Hanna Martin.

The cadre of attendance officers will work to ensure that school children are actively attending schools in New Providence and later a group of officers will be posted on Grand Bahama and other islands.

School Resource Officers Trained For School Campuses



Above from left: Commissioner of Police, Clayton Fender; Police Constable, Onassis Darville and MOETVT Minister of State, Zane Lightbourne

Above: Director of Operations for the National Association of School Resource Officers and Course Instructor, Mac Hardy

Twenty-six Royal Bahamas Police Force officers graduated from the NASRO Basic School Resource Officers Training course at the Police Training College on Friday, August 19th, 2022.

The newly trained officers will ensure the safety of public school campuses in New Providence, Grand Bahama, Abaco, Eleuthera, and Exuma.

Course participants were taught the importance of ensuring the safety of schoolchildren and campuses.

The National Association of School Resource Officers (NASRO) is an American organization that trains law enforcement officers for school-based policing and builds effective community partnerships.

The recently graduated officers will begin service in schools on August 29th when schools reopen.

“Increasing The Graduation Rate From 50% to 85% by 2030”