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DECEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

MOETVT TOWN HALL MEETING



The Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training held a virtual town hall meeting on December 16th, 2021 to inform the public of the work done to ensure a smooth reopening of schools on January 11th, 2022.

The plans outlined include the hybrid model where primary school students will be put into two groups and attend school for face-to-face instruction for two days. They will remain at home for the remaining three weekdays to complete assignments. Secondary students will also attend school for two days and remain at home for the other days, using a six-day learning cycle.

The Hon. Minister Glenys Hanna Martin and State Minister Zane Lightbourne headed the panel along with Director of Education Marcellus Taylor, ADE Sharmaine Sinclair and Actg. Chief Medical Officer Dr. Phillip Swann. Moderator Clint Watson fielded live questions from Facebook, MOE text messages, and parents. The live studio audience was made up of MOE technocrats as well as District Superintendents including principals,

Bahamas Public Service Union Pays Courtesy Call



The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Minister for MOETVT (middle in black) and the Hon. State Minister Zane Lightbourne (middle in navy blue) are photographed with Executives from The Bahamas Public Service Union

On Monday, 20th December, 2021, executives of The Bahamas Public Service Union paid a courtesy call on the Hon. Minister Glenys Hanna Martin and the Hon. State Minister Zane Lightbourne at the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training.

College Football Playoff Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers Grant Presentation



Middle to right: The Hon. Glenys Hanna-Martin, Miss Bahamas Universe Chantel O'Brian, Mr. Richard Giannini, Executive Director of The Bahamas Bowl and Mr. Evon Wisdom, Senior Education Officer, Interscholastic Sports are pictured with the recipients of the College Football Playoff Foundation's Extra Yard for Teachers Grant



The College Football Playoff Foundation's "Extra Yard for Teachers Grant" Presentation took place during halftime of The Bahamas Bowl Annual American College Football event on December 17th, 2021 at the Thomas A. Robinson National Stadium.

All public school teachers throughout the Commonwealth of The Bahamas were invited to participate in a 300 word essay writing competition under the theme: "The Current State of the Classroom, and How I Plan To Use My Winnings." A total of 20 teachers are the proud recipients of a \$500.00 cash prize.

IL Cares Foundation Donates \$15,000 to G.B. High School Basketball



In this season of giving, IL Cares Foundation recently donated a cheque to the tune of \$15,000 in aid of the Grand Bahama Schools Basketball Tournament. The tournament which took place on December 2nd – 4th, 2021 included junior and senior high schools throughout Grand Bahama.

During a brief presentation in the Ministry of Youth, Sports and Culture's Conference Room on Friday, November 3rd, 2021, Senior Education Officer for the Sports Unit at the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training, Evon Wisdom thanked IL Cares Foundation for its generous contribution, noting that it is one of many philanthropic acts by the organisation as it has sponsored numerous national sporting events involving students.

"In a few years we will see the manifestation of IL Care's support through the success of the athletes," said Mr. Wisdom.

The Foundation's public relations director Kenny Mackey while presenting the cheque reiterated his organisation's support of the nation's youth. "I am pleased and privileged to support our youth. It allows children to commune and battle in the spirit of excellence," Mr. Mackey exclaimed.

The benevolent donation will afford many of the athletes the opportunity to travel to the United States to attend basketball championships. Team members from St. George's High, Sunland Baptist High and Tabernacle Baptist Academy are included in the beneficiaries.

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