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RE: MOETVT Hosts National Youth Peace March and Rally

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Demonstrating a nationally shared commitment to peace, unity and understanding, the Ministry of Education and Technical and Vocational Training (MOETVT) will facilitate a ***National Youth Peace March and Rally*** dubbed, "*Peace Begins with Me*" on Friday 15th March, 2024.

This event will provide our public and private school students from preschool to senior high school, with a platform to promote peace, express their concerns about violence and offer suggestions for conflict resolution. As this is a national initiative, all family island districts will participate by marching and rallying simultaneously where possible. It is anticipated that approximately **9,000** students from New Providence and throughout the Family Islands will participate in the march and rally.

In New Providence, the march will commence at **10 a.m.** from the Southern Recreation Grounds, concluding at the rally site on Clifford Park, which is anticipated to begin at noon and end at approximately 2 p.m. The youth peace rally will reflect the sole participation of students from public and private institutions.

To ensure the effectiveness of this initiative, it has been expanded to engage students in a meaningful way which includes the facilitation of essay, Tik Tok, poster and logo competitions for students in preschool, primary, junior and senior high schools.

The event's sponsors include but are not limited to Adrian Fox and the Fox Foundation, Pepper and Spice, Aetos Holding Ltd, The Art District, New Providence Development Company, United Sanitation, St. Agnes Anglican Church, Grace Community Church, New Providence Ecology Park Ltd., and Butler Sinclair Group of Companies.

Peace March Route:

Commencing from the Southern Recreation Grounds:
*South on Market Street onto Chapel Street; west on Chapel Street onto Meadow Street;
west on Meadow Street onto Nassau Street; north on Nassau Street onto West Bay
Street; and west on West Bay Street onto Clifford Park.*

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The Bahamas' Ministry of Education & Technical & Vocational Training (MOETVT) has responsibility for more than 40,000 K-12 students in approximately 160 educational institutions in The Commonwealth of The Bahamas, which are dispersed over 10 districts in the major islands. Our goal is to increase the graduation rate from 50% to 85% by 2030. The MOETVT aims to create an educational system that is technologically sound and competitive and that develops the strengths of each child, whether academic or otherwise, towards the maximum contribution that he/she is able to make to the national development of The Bahamas. The MOETVT is guided by the motto, "Every Child Counts".