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"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"

Schools' Bulletin

**ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS
OF ALL PUBLIC AND PRIVATE EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

SUBJECT: HEROES' DAY MID-TERM BREAK

Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) wishes to remind our stakeholders that effective **Thursday, October 15, 2020** to **Monday, October 19, 2020** schools are officially on the **Heroes' Day mid-term break**. The scheduled resumption date for Distance/Remote Learning is **Tuesday, October 20, 2020**.

National Heroes' Day commemorates the honouring of our Jamaican stalwarts who have shed blood, sweat and tears to ensure that the people of our country enjoy a life of freedom as now exists. National Heroes' Day will be celebrated on **Monday, October 19, 2020** under the theme: '**Celebrating a Heritage of Resilience and Pride**'.

National Training Day

October 15, 2020 is observed as the National Training and Development Day for our teachers during the Christmas Term. We remind school administrators to implement the usual professional development activities at the school level, focused on improving the teachers' capacity to create and manage the Google Classrooms on the national Learning Management System. We also ask that the time be used to work out all the challenges stakeholders may have encountered during the navigation of the Learning Management System. Schools that are advanced in the technological integration, may focus on other area of development.

The Jamaica Teaching Council (JTC) will be hosting a national **Forum for Innovations in Teaching (FIT)** under the theme: **Inspiration and Aspiration for the Digital Age: Our Teachers Our Heroes**. The forum will start on October 15, 2020 and culminate with a tribute to teachers on **October 18, 2020**. The event will speak to the direction for education in the Fourth Industrial Revolution and will seek to address how institutions and teachers are managing the transition from a physical to a digital classroom. All teachers are invited to participate.

We encourage our stakeholders to continue to observe the directives of the Government, which charge Jamaicans to wear their masks, sanitize and keep socially distant.

Let us continue to build the resilience of our education system while we navigate these unprecedented times.

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