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Schools' Bulletin

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

**SUBJECT: EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES TO SUPPORT THE NATIONAL STANDARDS
CURRICULUM FOR THE UPPER PRIMARY LEVEL (GRADES 4- 6)**

Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI), continues to provide schools with educational resources to support the National Standards Curriculum (NSC), thus enhancing the teaching-learning process.

The MoEYI is encouraging teachers and parents to utilize these resources to adequately prepare children for the Primary Exit Profile. Educational resources provided by the MoEYI to support the upper primary level include:

Textbooks

The MoEYI, through the Media Services Unit provides textbooks, under the National Textbook Programme, that cover the content required for the Primary Exit Profile (PEP). The following are the textbooks that have been provided to all public schools by the MoEYI for Grades 4-6:

- First Steps in Science Pupil's Books 4-6
- The New Primary English Book 4-6
- Primary Mathematics for Jamaica Books 4-6
- Carlong Primary Social Studies: Jamaica Island Nation Year 4
- JPH Social Studies for Primary Schools: An Integrated Approach – Grade 5
- Carlong Primary Social Studies: Our World Environment – Year 6

In cases where additional numbers of the textbooks outlined above are needed, school are being asked to contact the Media Services Unit at Telephone: 876-924-9128/876 922-8035.

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Primary Exit Profile (PEP)

In order to support the implementation of the PEP curriculum the following were circulated to the system.

- Curriculum-based Test Practice Items: Grade 5 (Social Studies, Mathematics, Language Arts, Science)
- Curriculum-based Test Practice Items: Grade 6 (Social Studies, Mathematics, Language Arts, Science)
- Ability Test Practice Items: Grade 6

In addition, a PEP practice booklet will be provided to provide support to both students and teachers. The Ministry is also working with publishers to provide books endorsed by the Ministry to support the preparation for the examination.

Professional Development Materials

As it relates to capacity building, the following has been provided

- Mentoring Minds Toolkit
 - Differentiation Instruction
 - Critical Thinking
 - Assessment
 - Intervention Strategies
 - Multi-tiered Support Strategies
 - Depth of Knowledge

Digital Resources

The MoEYI has provided 22 primary schools with 650 tablets in the 2017-2018 school year, through the OEC/MoEYI initiative. It is expected that another 650 tablets will be distributed to an additional 22 Primary schools for the 2018-2019 school year. Stakeholders can also access a number of digital resources via the following links:

- e-Learning Jamaica <http://www.elearnjave.org/>
- MoEYI Online Portal <http://moeschools.edu.jm>
- Book Fusion <https://www.bookfusion.com/libraries/MOEYI>

For areas without internet, information will be uploaded on the tablets so that the content can be downloaded as required.

Additionally, MoEYI in partnership with e-learning Ja. Limited will also be

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providing approximately 16,000 tablets to 200 schools at the Early Childhood, Primary, Teacher Training Institutions along with special institutions.

We encourage schools and parents to use educational resources approved by the MoEYI. If you have any questions or require further information please contact your regional office.

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