



PRIORITY

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

Schools' Bulletin

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

SUBJECT: CANCELLATION OF THE PRIMARY LEVEL NATIONAL ASSESSMENTS

Dear Colleagues,

As the education system adapts to the disruption caused by school closure due to the COVID-19 pandemic, new decisions have to be taken in the best interest of our students. Consequently, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) has cancelled all assessments at the primary level as well as the Grade Nine Achievement Test. These include:

- 1. Grade Three Diagnostic Test**
- 2. Grade 4 Performance Tasks**
- 3. Grade 5 Performance Tasks**
- 4. Grade Nine Achievement test.**

The following guidelines seek to outline clearly the procedures to be followed as a result of the cancellation of these examinations:

1. The students who are presently in Grades 3, 4 and 5 should be promoted to the next grade level in September 2020.
2. Where the assessed scores for the current academic year (homework, classwork, tests etc.), the previous scores from the student's academic profile and the teacher(s) projected performance ratings of the student do not support a decision for the student to be promoted to a higher grade, the school administrator in consultation with the parent and the student may agree on a decision to have the child repeat the current grade level or to place the student on a remedial programme to ensure the required improvement as the student progresses.

As it relates to these students' profiles (PEP 4 and PEP 5), the components for placement at the secondary level will change in the years 2021 and 2022, as indicated in the Table below:

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| Grade Level | Profile for Transition into High Schools |
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| Students who are in Grade 5 as of April 2020 and are promoted to Grade 6 in September 2020. | Students will sit the Grade 6 components in 2021. Their profiles will consist of Grade 4 PT (which was done in 2019) and Grade 6 components that will be done in 2021. |
| Students who are in Grade 4 as of April 2020 and are promoted to Grade 5 in September 2020. | Students will sit the Grade 5 PT in 2021. Their profiles will consist of Grade 5 PT (done in 2021) and Grade 6 components in 2022. |
| Students who are in Grade 3 as of April 2020 and are promoted to Grade 4 in September 2020. | Students will sit the Grade 4 PT in 2021. Their profiles will consist of Grade 4 (2021), Grade 5 PT (2022) and Grade 6 components (2023). This cohort will be the first group to have a complete profile. |

Grade Nine Students (GNAT)

Students who are scheduled to sit the 2020 sitting of the Grade Nine Achievement Test (GNAT) will be manually placed in proximity to their home addresses and/ or attending schools.

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