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Schools' Bulletin

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

SUBJECT: ADMINISTRATION OF THE PRIMARY EXIT PROFILE (PEP 6) EXAMINATION

Dear Colleagues,

Due to the continuing negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Education, Youth and Information, through continued partnership with all stakeholders has taken the decision to cancel the sitting of some of our national examinations for the school year 2020/2021.

Cancellation of Grade 6 Performance Tasks and Curriculum Based Test

The PEP 6 Performance Tasks (PT) and the Curriculum Based Test (CBT) at Grade 6 for the 2021 sitting have been canceled. As a result, a hybrid approach will be used to place the Grade 6 students in secondary schools, similar to that which was used in 2020. Placement at the secondary level will be done using the following scores:

- Grade 4 Performance Tasks – done in 2019
- Ability Test - **To BE ADMINISTERED ON WEDNESDAY, MAY 26, 2021** at centres within primary level institutions.

Our consulting Psychometrician has advised that the Grade 4 Performance Tasks and the Ability Test can reliably place the students in secondary school. These are standardized assessments and thus provide a reliable means of placing the students, given the high-stake nature of the PEP examinations. School level assessment data are not recommended due to the lack of standardization in curriculum coverage and scoring across schools.

The MoEYI will also administer the diagnostic test at the Grade 6 level to gather data on students' achievement with respect to the National Standard Curriculum. Data from this assessment will be sent to the secondary schools in which the students are placed to guide their learning plans for the new school year.

For further information, you may contact the Student Assessment Unit by telephone at 922-5680, 922-2420, 948-9254 or by emailing at terryann.thomas@moey.gov.jm.

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