

SPEAKING NOTES

FOR

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Jamaica Social Investment Fund

AT

The Handing over of the Special
Education Block at the Albion Primary
School

In

Knock Patrick, Manchester

On

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Master of Ceremonies, Mater of Ceremonies and Regional
Director Ministry of Education, Region 5, Mr. Ottis Brown

Minister of Education and Youth, Honorable, Fayval Williams

Member of Parliament for Central Manchester, Rhoda Moy
Crawford

Managing Director of the Jamaica Social Investment Fund, Mr.
Omar Sweeney and members of the JSIF team.

Chairman of the Board of the Albion Primary School, Dr. Pauline
Samuda

Past Chairman, Albion Primary School, Reverend Khereen Wilson

Principal of the Albion Primary School, Ms. Paulette Chedda

Good Afternoon

I am once again very please to be able to share in an occasion like this, with yet another school that has benefited from one of the projects ably implemented by the Jamaica Social Investment Fund.

I am proud to be the Chairman of this public entity which continues to make steps to aid in the overall development of Jamaica.

We are here today to hand over a Special Education Block which will serve children who need special intervention. This is a very important venture, and we are making the job of the teachers easier with the provision of this facility and also the tools that will make the educating of young persons who need special intervention much easier.

This block with its many features and equipment as part of the overall plan to improve the educational experience of these children is a testament to the commitment of the government to take bold steps to ensure that it moves towards the achieving of the Vision 2030 goals.

Under Vision 2030, which we are edging even closer to, education is of paramount importance as it is through the creation of an educated population that we can see a future that is flourishing in almost any sector that you can fathom.

Key to the vision 2030 goal of achieving world-class education and training is that every child on this our island home will have the best learning environment. This goal also stresses the creation of a well-rounded individual who excels in not only academics but also strikes a balance with efforts in the Arts, Sports and Culture.

It is clear that with the laying of the first block for the construction of this facility the intention was to improve the provision of quality education for students who may learn in different ways than others. With the construction of this facility, we as a nation will be helping to improve the lives of these students, never leaving them behind but instead making steps to understand and tailor our pedagogy, learning tools and facilities towards their needs, ensuring that no child is left behind.

The handing over of this facility today is a huge step in the right direction it is a step towards inclusion, improvements in education and also towards achieving one of our most important and far-reaching goals as a nation.

I wish for you the school family at Albion all the best as you take these steps towards improving the education of youngsters in this your community and by extension- this our island home of Jamaica.

..... I Thank You