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TO: **ALL DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENTS; PRINCIPALS OF GOVERNMENT & INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS; HEADS OF INDEPENDENT EDUCATION AUTHORITIES; THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE OF THE BAHAMAS (COB); THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE TECHNICAL CADET CORPS; THE MANAGER OF THE BAHAMAS TECHNICAL & VOCATIONAL INSTITUTE (BTVI) AND HEADQUARTERS STAFF**

## SCHOOL CALENDAR - ACADEMIC YEAR 2009 / 2010

TERM	OPEN	CLOSE	NO. OF DAYS	RE-OPEN
<b>CHRISTMAS</b>	24 August, 2009	18 December, 2009 ( <i>teachers</i> )		4 January, 2010
	31 August, 2009	11 December, 2009 ( <i>students</i> ) <sup>69</sup>		4 January, 2010
<b>EASTER</b>	4 January, 2009	1 April, 2010	59	12 April, 2010
<b>SUMMER</b>	12 April, 2010	18 June, 2010 ( <i>students</i> )	48	23 August, 2010 ( <i>teachers</i> )
		25 June, 2010 ( <i>teachers</i> )		30 August, 2010 ( <i>students</i> )

Opening and closing dates, as stipulated **must** be strictly adhered to and permission to vary them will be granted only in exceptional circumstances. Should the need arise, permission **must** be obtained from the Department of Education.

- MID-TERM BREAKS** : Thursday, 22 and Friday, 23 October, 2009  
Friday, 19 and Monday, 22 February, 2010
- OFFICIAL HOLIDAYS** : Discovery Day (*National Heroes Day*), Good Friday, Easter Monday, Whit Monday, Labour Day.
- ORIENTATION** : 23 August to 27 August, 2010
- PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT** : Activities (*Professional Development Activities*) are scheduled for 28 June to 20 August, 2010. District Superintendents & Curriculum Officers, in consultation with School Administrators, will organise SITE-BASED "four-day" sessions to address training and upgrading needs of both New Providence & Family Island teachers.
- PROFESSIONAL DAYS** :
- a) 20 to 21 October, 2009 (*Eleuthera, Cat Island, San Salvador and Rum Cay Schools*)
  - b) 20 to 21 October, 2009 (*Mayaguana, Inagua, Crooked Island, Acklins, Long Cay Schools*)
  - c) 26 to 27 October, 2009 (*Abaco, Long Island, Andros, Berry Island, Exuma and Ragged Island Schools*)
  - d) 17 to 18 February, 2010 (*New Providence and Grand Bahama Schools*)

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*SCHOOL CALENDAR cont'd.:*

<b>SCHOOL-BASED EXAMINATIONS</b>	:	7 to 11 December, 2009 and 14 to 18 June, 2010 ( <i>high schools</i> ) 9 to 11 December, 2009 and 16 to 18 June, 2010 ( <i>primary schools</i> )
<b>WORK DAYS</b>	:	14 to 15 December, 2009 and 21 to 23 June, 2010
<b>NATIONAL REPORT CARD DAYS</b>	:	17 December, 2009 and 24 June, 2010
<b>CLOSING DAY</b>	:	11 December, 2009 and 18 June, 2010 ( <i>students</i> ) 18 December, 2009 and 25 June, 2010 ( <i>teachers</i> )
<b>OTHER DAYS</b>	:	( <i>Not holidays, but to be observed</i> )

2 June, 2009 - World Environment Day	15 Jan., 2010 - National Debate Competition (Zone)
Sept. 2009 - International Literacy Day	22 Jan., 2010 - National Spelling Bee Competition (School-Based)
Oct. 2009 - Be Kind to Animals Week	5 Feb., 2010 - National Spelling Bee (District Competition)
5 Oct. 2009 - World Teachers' Day	
Oct. 2009 - World Food Day	
Oct. 2009 - United Nations Day	
28 Oct., 2009 - Minister's Cup - Schools Beautification Competition	19 Feb., 2010 - National Debate Competition (Quarter Finals)
Nov. 2009 - World Science Day for Peace & Development	10 Mar., 2010 - Commonwealth Day
4 Nov., 2009 - Clean Campus	19 Mar., 2010 - National Debate Competition (Semi-Finals)
13 Nov., 2009 - National Debate District Competition	21 March, 2010 - National Spelling Bee
15 - 21 Nov., 2009 - One Bahamas	4 April, 2010 - World Health Day
19 Nov., 2009 - Universal Children's Day	22 April, 2010 - National Debate Competition (Finals)
Dec. 2009 - World AIDS Day	4 May, 2010 - National Youth Rally
2 Dec., 2009 - Annual Festival of Carols	May 2010 - GLAT
10 Dec., 2009 - Junior Junkanoo	30 May, 2010 - World Tobacco Day

\* You will be informed of other International days.

**DAYS AND HOURS** : The days for school attendance in Ministry of Education, Youth, Sports & Culture schools each week during the term will be from Monday to Friday inclusive, unless otherwise directed by the Department of Education.

Hours of attendance for pupils shall be from **8:45 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** provided, however, that there shall be a daily recess of one or more periods, which shall not in aggregate exceed one hour.

Teachers are required to arrive and leave school **at least a quarter of an hour before and after** the hours stated above and as may otherwise be required for the purpose of staff meetings, curriculum development meetings, etc.

2. Circulars will be issued separately giving additional details on In-Service Programmes.

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