

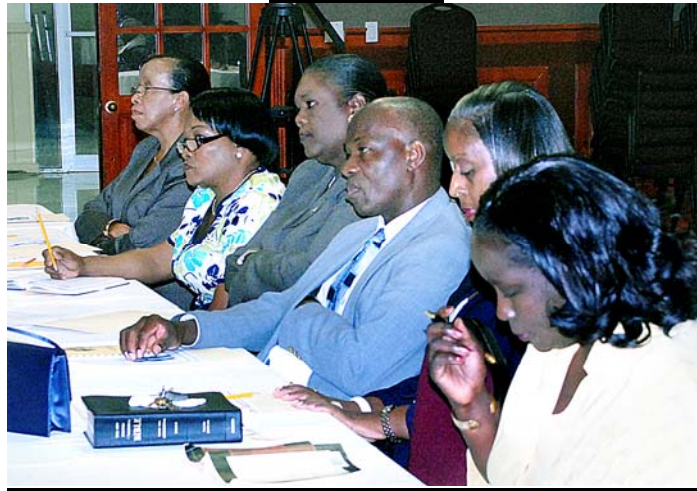
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ADMINISTRATORS SHARE IDEAS AT SOUTHEASTERN DISTRICT CONCLAVE



Under the theme, “Education for Survival in a Global Community”, administrators of the public education system shared ideas and gained valuable information in a conclave held for the Southeastern District.

The one day conclave slated to cover topics such as: Performance Management; Language Arts Primary Curriculum Pilot Programme; A Guide to Responding to Child Abuse; and Monitoring and Evaluation, promised to be an enlightening event. Presenters for the conclave were: Reverend Diana Francis, Mr. Willard Barr, Dr. Karen St. Cyr, Mrs. Vanria Jack, and Ms. Sharmaine Sinclair.

Bringing remarks for the occasion was the Honourable Vincent Vanderpool-Wallace, Minister of Tourism & Aviation, who spoke on behalf of the Honourable Carl Bethel, Minister of Education. Minister Vanderpool -Wallace suggested that we should be educating our children for survival in the global community. He indicated that being the best at what one does in The Bahamas alone, is not good enough, if one cannot also find success outside of the country. The Minister expressed how important it is for educators and parents to provide opportunities for children to gain international experience and exposure, so that they may better prepare themselves for the real world.

He encouraged the administrators to look for, and nurture three things in their students: (1) Extreme curiosity, (2) Initiative, and (3) Hard work. He alluded to

the fact that education systems are designed to meet the needs of the period in which they were created. He suggested that maybe it was time for all stakeholders to take a look at the current education system to determine whether or not it is the best one to serve our community.

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