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NEWLY APPOINTED EDUCATIONAL STANDARDS & ACCOUNTABILITY TEAM

The Department of Education introduces four newly appointed members to our **Educational Standards & Accountability Unit**. This team is responsible for ensuring all schools are held accountable to the highest standards for student achievement. They will be responsible for managing the operations of their assigned zones to ensure Principals discharge their duties and responsibilities efficiently and are held accountable for the organization, management and delivery of programmes to school children in accordance with the approved curricula.

The Educational Standards & Accountability Team will be led by the recently appointed Director, **Dr. Lou Matthews**, a Bermudian educator who has been involved in leadership and education in the United States and Bermuda for the past 18 years. Much of this work has centred on working with universities, districts, parent-, teacher-, and student groups to build programs, education partnerships, frame research and impacting student learning.

Dr. Matthews will oversee the newly appointed Assistant Directors: Dr. Freddie Evans, Ms. LaVerne Simons and Mrs. Evereth Richardson.

Dr. Freddie Evans, a twenty year veteran of the Bermuda Public System joining us from the Whitney Institute where he served as principal since 2002, has been assigned the management of the Western Zone: Sandy's Middle, T.N. Tatem Middle, West End Primary, Somerset Primary, Dalton E .Tucker Primary, Port Royal Primary, Heron Bay Primary and Purvis Primary.

Ms. LaVerne Simons a twenty five year educational servant joining us from Heron Bay Primary after serving as principal since 1998, has the Eastern Zone: Clearwater Middle, Whitney Middle, East End Primary, St. George's Prep, St. David's Primary, Francis Patton, Harrington Sound Primary and Elliot Primary.

Mrs. Evereth Richardson, an educational veteran for over 30 years joining us from Somerset Primary School as the school Principal since 1998, has been assigned the Central Zone: Dellwood Middle, Gilbert Institute, Paget Primary, West Pembroke Primary, Northlands Primary, Victor Scott and Prospect Primary.

It is the Department of Education's goal to deliver a rigorous curriculum customized to meeting the needs of each individual student through learning experiences, appropriate assessments, and efficient support – holding us all accountable for a quality education.

Together with our new Educational Standards & Accountability Team, we are confident The Department of Education is able to ensure successful outcomes for our children.