



ADOPT – A – SCHOOL

Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy

The Hon. Dame Jennifer Smith, DBE, JP, DHumL, MP
MINISTER OF EDUCATION

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Good afternoon:

Today, we are here to celebrate the adoption of the **Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy**, and I am very delighted to be joined by Mr. David Cash-CEO of Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd., the latest donor in our Adopt-A-School programme.

When I think of good corporate citizens – it's individuals like Mr. Cash who come to mind. He is leading by example with this act of generosity.

Allow me to offer just a brief bit of background.

As a result of Endurance's **Employee Day of Service** programme last year, several public schools benefitted from their community service efforts – this included clean up, painting and other services performed by the employees.

However in honour of their 10th Anniversary, which was in December of last year, Endurance sought a more sustainable way to continue their community efforts. They wanted to do something greater -that would have a more lasting and meaningful impact on one of our schools. After discussion between the Ministry and Endurance, it was determined that Endurance would adopt Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy.

I cannot express my appreciation enough to Mr. Cash and his colleagues at Endurance, particularly to Mrs. Shirley Nosakhere-Fountain, Vice President, Human Resources Shared Services Manager, who has demonstrated considerable passion for this project. I know that parents, families and students of this facility are most grateful.

In this challenging economic environment it is easy to sit back and criticise the performance of public and private sector entities. However it's much harder, to join in, roll up our sleeves and develop meaningful solutions that benefit our community as a whole.

That is why today's demonstration of good will by Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd. is so important. It is a tangible example that Government, business and the community are **most effective** when we work together.

Mr. Cash, you and your colleagues should know that your act of kindness for these very special students at Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy will have a far reaching effect on this school, and this Island. It is my pleasure to publicly thank you for this contribution.

Ladies and gentlemen, with this latest donation, the Adopt-A-School programme will have raised over **\$190,000** for repairs and services at more than a dozen of our public schools.

On behalf of the Ministry of Education and the Dame Marjorie Bean Hope Academy, it is my pleasure to present you with this Certificate in recognition of your contribution.

Mr. Cash, please share a few words with us on behalf of Endurance Specialty Insurance Ltd.

Thank you.