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Minister of Education announces resignation of Board of Education Chairman

The Minister of Education, the Hon. Elvin G. James, JP MP, today announced that Mr. Mark Byrne has resigned as Chairman of the Board of Education.

The Minister said, "I have reluctantly accepted Mr. Byrne's resignation from the Board of Education. When I first approached Mr. Byrne about taking on the role of Chairman, he expressed some reluctance, given his hectic schedule and demanding work commitments. However, I truly believe that under his leadership the Board's decision to adopt the Cambridge International Curriculum will have a long lasting impact on Public Education in Bermuda."

The Minister went on to say that Mr. Byrne's drive and willingness to take decisive action has brought about positive changes in the system which will have benefits for years to come. "Mr. Byrne brought a sense of urgency to both the Board and the Department of Education. His message that the status quo is not good enough has been well received. I have wished Mr. Byrne all the best for the future and I'm sure that we will keep in touch and that he will continue to contribute to Public Education," said the Minister.

Mr. Darren Johnston, a current member of the Board and a former member of the Interim Executive Board has agreed to take over as the Chairman of the Board of Education. Minister James said, "I am very pleased that Mr. Johnston has accepted the Chairmanship of the Board. I know that he will continue the initiatives started by Mr. Byrne and that the Board will continue to gain momentum under his leadership."

Mr. Byrne's departure from the Board leaves one position on the Board unfilled. The Minister is in discussions with a number of persons regarding their interest in serving on the Board, and he will make an announcement in due course.