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## BATCE'S PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT CONFERENCE 2018

Bishop Anstey High School East and Trinity College East's (BATCE) Annual Professional Development Conference will be held during the period Wednesday April 11- Friday April 13, 2018.

The theme of the conference "Collaborating Professionally: Empowering BATCE for the Future" follows on our 2017 theme of "Teaching in the 21st Century: Overcoming Challenges." The theme signifies the recognition at BATCE of the power of professional collaboration. Effective collaboration at all levels, creates an ongoing learning environment that propels growth in employees and ultimately the institution. Several resources are available to us to collaborate virtually and through digital platforms, however there is still that need for us to collaborate in person, that face to face contact with others as we work towards finding better solution for success.

The conference theme has as its tagline Together We Can Transform Education. Our tagline implies that with collaboration, 'all hands on board,' stakeholder involvement and teamwork, we can develop, implement and sustain the necessary changes required to be successful in the future. The conference aims to:

- 1) Present participants with updated information on good practices and trends in education
- 2) Showcase Action Research engaged in by members of staff
- 3) Facilitate collaboration and networking among school participants
- 4) Stimulate reflective practice by participants

The conference targets participation by all principals, staff and stakeholders of BATCE. The Conference begins with an Opening Ceremony. Each day of the

conference begins with a Feature Address Speaker. There are thirty sessions over the three day period and sessions run concurrently.

The topics are organized around Teaching and Learning: School Leadership: Technology: Health and Safety and Administration. All the topics selected are building blocks to understanding the need for collaboration in leadership, teacher improvement and increasing student achievement.

On behalf of the BATCE Learning Community, we want to thank all our presenters for sharing their knowledge and giving up their time during the course of the week.