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*(REMARKS)*

**Message By**

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**Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2022**

**Theme: "Making A Change"**

## **SALUTATIONS:**

1. Mr Andy Paul, Principal, Mayaro Government Primary School
2. Ms. Sheri-Lyn Legall, Interim Dean – School of Business,  
University of the Southern Caribbean
3. Teachers
4. Parents/Guardians
5. Graduates

Good morning.

Congratulations to the 2022 graduating class of Mayaro Government Primary School! The road to get here was a long one, but you have been able to rise above all obstacles and today we are here to celebrate!

For you the graduating class, your parents, teachers and principal, this last academic year turned out to be a master teacher on adapting to change. It has taught us that we are headstrong despite our setbacks and, without a doubt, it has increased our creative capacity to invent unique solutions for navigating the unknown. You are an inspiration to us all! Your theme, “Making A Change” is a wonderful reminder that we need changemakers like you who will go out into the world, make their mark, follow their passion and promote change.

As you continue pressing towards your individual adventures, I want you all to remember that anyone, young or old, can make a difference. Anyone can be a changemaker. The way to change the world, is to dare to be different. Wherever this journey takes you, find your voice and let it be heard.

Here are three valuable lessons that I've learnt that can help you along that pathway:

*1. Making change means actually doing something.*

Be motivated to do good. Be motivated by a genuine desire to make the world a better place. But motivation is not enough. Making a change requires setting a goal and taking action. Sitting idly and wishing to change will accomplish nothing.

*2. Your efforts may not work through sometimes.*

Failure is all part of the journey to accomplishing positive change. The lessons we learn from our failures will allow us to get better. They tell us what not to do. You must be willing to try new things, even if you might fail. As the saying goes, "Try and try again until you succeed"; this is the formula for success.

How many of you saw Spider-Man: No Way Home? Do you remember how Spider-Man used his knowledge of geometry to defeat Doctor Strange within the Mirror Dimension?

*3. A solid foundation in education will help support your creativity and courage, and your ability to make a change.*

Creativity and courage are closely connected and while some are able to successfully manoeuvre without it, a solid formal educational foundation will serve you well in all your creative endeavours. Changemakers think up new and unexpected ways to solve difficult problems, and they need their education to do that. So take your Secondary education seriously.

To the principal, Mr. Andy Paul, and teachers, thank you for your steadfast commitment to service. This may, at times, be reflected through your self-sacrifice by giving of your personal time and energy; I commend you. Given the challenge of re-adjusting to in-person classes, thank you for your assistance in prioritizing the health and

safety of our children. To the parents, guardians and well-wishers who have collectively lent a helping hand in some way, it is because of your support that each child here today will be able to follow their passions. Continue to be the pillars upon which they can stand.

I am sure that for many of you students, the anticipation of moving into new classrooms, meeting new schoolmates, and engaging new teachers may be a little scary. Don't be afraid, change brings about new and exciting opportunities. Use this opportunity to explore different hobbies and activities. Be amazing!

Congratulations again, continue to rise above the odds. You are going to be just fine! If your success here is a sign of things to come, then I am reassured that Trinidad and Tobago is in capable hands for the future. May God continue to bless you and your families as you go into the world and be fearless, be kind, be extraordinary, be changemakers.

Thank you and God Bless.