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# **NEWS RELEASE**

## PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE MAY/JUNE 2019 CARIBBEAN EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL SECONDARY EDUCATION CERTIFICATE EXAMINATIONS (CSEC)

Preliminary results of the May/June 2019 Caribbean Examinations Council Secondary Education Certificate Examinations (CSEC) were received on August 12th, 2018, in St. Vincent and the Grenadines. This year, 2478 candidates were registered. Of these, 817 were private candidates and 1661 were school candidates.

There were 1641 school candidates sitting 11,222 subject entries in 31 subject areas, from 26 secondary schools. Approximately 74.33% of the subject entries were awarded Grades I – III (the corresponding figure in 2018 was 74.67% and 73.25% in 2017).

This year, 15.62% of the passes were at Grade I level, 38.53% at Grade II and 45.85% at Grade III. Last year's figures were 16.82% at Grade I, 37.29% at Grade II and 45.89% at Grade III.

There were seven schools which recorded percentage pass rates of 80% or more. These schools are:

School

| GIRLS' HIGH SCHOOL                  | 96.90% |
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| ST. VINCENT GRAMMAR SCHOOL          | 91.44% |
| BEQUIA SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST SCHOOL | 88.57% |
| ST. MARTIN'S SECONDARY SCHOOL       | 87.70% |
| ST. JOSEPH'S CONVENT                | 84.35% |
| MOUNTAIN VIEW ADVENTIST ACADEMY     | 82.08% |
| ST JOSEPH'S CONVENT (MARRIAQUA)     | 80.71% |

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Eleven schools obtained creditable pass rates between 60 % and 80%. These are:

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| WEST ST. GEORGE SECONDARY SCHOOL | 78.24% |
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| BISHOP'S COLLEGE KINGSTOWN       | 75.95% |
| THOMAS SAUNDERS SECONDARY SCHOOL | 75.49% |
| GEORGETOWN SECONDARY SCHOOL      | 70.85% |
| ADELPHI SECONDARY SCHOOL         | 70.49% |
| PETIT BORDEL SECONDARY SCHOOL    | 68.07% |
| ST. CLAIR DACON SECONDARY SCHOOL | 68.06% |
| NORTH UNION SECONDARY SCHOOL     | 67.53% |
| SANDY BAY SECONDARY SCHOOL       | 65.76% |
| INTERMEDIATE HIGH SCHOOL         | 60.51% |
| EMMANUEL HIGH SCHOOL MESPOTAMIA  | 60.14% |

The Bequia Seventh Day Adventist School (BSDA) and the West St. George Secondary School (WSGSS) show vast improvement in their performance at the 2019 CSEC examinations. In 2018, the BSDA recorded a pass rate of 74.71% and the WSGSS recorded a pass rate of 64.68%. In 2019, BSDA pass rate increased to 88.57% and the WSGSS pass rate rose to 78.24%. These figures represent an increase of 13.86% and 13.56% respectively.

The following students had outstanding performance in this year's exam:

- ➤ Zuania Baptiste (Girls' High School) sat 14 subjects; obtained 12 grade ones and 2 grade twos.
- ➤ Lonyé Browne (Girls' High School) sat 15 subjects; obtained 8 grade ones, 6 grade twos and 1 grade three.
- ➤ Adiah Holder (Girls' High School) sat 14 subjects; obtained 13 grade ones and 1 grade 2.

The Ministry of Education congratulates all students and extends gratitude to the Principals, teachers and staff at all schools for their support of the students. We are

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cognizant of the fact that outcomes in education are measured, not only in quantitative terms, but also in qualitative terms; therefore, the value added to the lives of all of the students, the top performers as well as those whose performance can be improved, is greatly appreciated.

All Principals continue to work diligently in conjunction with the Ministry of Education in support of their schools' effectiveness and the students' success.

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