AWAKENING THE GENIUS IN OUR BOYS

The New Jamaica School
ISSUES THAT CONTRIBUTE TO POOR PERFORMANCE

Transference of academic skills into “real world” is lacking

They hide from skills and academic areas – may not be the area where their interest lies

Their entrepreneurial skills aren’t being honed by the school

At an early age, many have to fend for themselves (they know how to juggle/hustle; money skills, etc.); which results in schools becoming second place in their lives

Lack of parental involvement/support
PERSONAL PERCEPTION

Uninterested in the curriculum
Disengaged from what’s being taught
Unfulfilled with their potential
Uninspired by methodologies
Far removed from “real world” experiences
Lackadaisical
SCHOOL LEVEL STRATEGIES

Apprenticeship (linked with an industry they are interested in)
Field trips – learn hands-on experience
Work Experience
Centers of Excellence (Exchange Program between schools)
Collaboration
Third Form – going to different fields (Placement) – Mandatory
In-school suspension (disciplinary) whereby they learn from their mistakes
TEACHING STRATEGIES

Cut down the subjects and take away some that will not benefit them (require English, Math, HFLE, Guidance and EDPM plus their technical areas)

Give hands-on information

Integrate technology

Project Based Learning

Focus on the skill areas or their area of interest
Common planning times (dismiss school early on Wednesday) and teacher meet to discuss and plan

The JTC should continue to have seminars that identifies some of the issues affecting Boys’ Education and how to remedy those issues
ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION

Using the assessment as a predictor as what’s to come based on the students’ interest

Benchmark assessment (monthly)

Using student assessment results to drive and differentiate the instruction
COLLABORATION

Exchange program (Intra/Inter Schools)
Teacher exchanges
School Collaboration
Networking
Action Research (sharing)
Team Teaching
Knowledge Bank
TECHNOLOGY

BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

Boys are into technology and should be encouraged to learn as much as they can in this field.

Use computers to teach boys how to read and providing Information (hands-on)

Graphics Club (posters, flyers, etc.)

EDPM is a subject that should be required for all student to take and pass at the CXC level (helps them to learn about technology)

Auto CAD
SCHOOLING AS A BUSINESS

Transition into high school

Big up the school and make a change to their mentality of each school

Forum style – project based learning

Demonstrate the knowledge of what they learned the best way they see fit based on school

Industry experience
SCHOOLING AS A BUSINESS

Entrepreneurship

Form/forge business partnership with industry

Setting up a school store with the guidance of a teacher
COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

Parental involvement in some professional development

Father’s/Mother’s Day

Open days – when the community comes to visit the school and participate in showcasing students’ work

Teacher/Student competition and invite the community to participate

Adopt a School/Program
BOY’S JOURNAL

Long-term Academic/Work Plan using Journals
Interest Inventory
Journal Writing (one day of the week)
Conferencing
Peer Grouping/Cooperative Learning
Best kept/used journal competition