



Thursday December 12th 2019

Media Invite

Minister of Agriculture to Address School Vendors

The Heart & Stroke Foundation of Barbados (HSFB) Inc. is set to host its 3rd Vendors Training event on **Tuesday December 17th at St. Michaels School Hall 10:00 am to 12:30 pm**. The Minister of Agriculture and Food Security, the Honourable Indar Weir will be addressing the vendors and canteen operators during the event as they are both an integral part of the HSFB Model School programme. The six model schools are Alexandra, Christ Church Foundation, Reynold Weekes Primary, The St. Michael School, Queens College, and The Rock Christian Primary School.

The programme which was launched on October 1st 2019 included the implementation of a ban on sugar sweetened beverages (SSBs)

Your media house is invited to send a team of a journalist and photographer to cover the event.

Also set to speak at the event will be the President of the HSFB Dr. Kenneth Connell and President of the Barbados Association Retailers, Vendors and Entrepreneurs (BARVEN) Mr. Alister Alexander.

It is widely acknowledged that vendors have always played an important role in Barbadian society and in the school environment they are even more critical. HSFB is committed to educating and demonstrating that vendors can have new offerings that provide healthy alternatives for students, while still providing vendors and canteen operators with the opportunity to make a living.

A nutritionist and chef will be part of the training session, demonstrating to vendors and canteen operators how to make healthy drink options for children.

The World Health Organization's recommends no more than 25 grams of sugar per day for children and most sugar sweetened beverages contain well above 25 grams of sugar (in just one drink).

BARVEN has been a key constituent for these training sessions and is working closely with its members to ensure they participate and benefit from the training.

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