



Seprod Foundation donates fans to Seaforth High School Post-Fire

On Monday, June 24th, 2019, the Seprod Foundation presented the Seaforth High School Visual Arts Department with six (6) 25" fans. Dr. Gavin Bellamy, General Manager of Serge Island Farms Ltd. made the presentation to Mr. Calbert Thomas, Principal of Seaforth High School. The Visual Arts teacher, Ms. Caroline Miles and many of the visual arts students participated in the presentation.

The donation was much anticipated and much appreciated after a fire destroyed the Visual Arts Department in the early morning hours of May 4th, 2019, inevitably destroying much of the students' art pieces done in preparation for their CSEC exams. As a result, the students will need to re-do many of their pieces. The school is currently constructing an interim area for the students to work over the summer, while plans for the renovation of the department are under way. Principal Thomas expressed that the immediate need was fans for cooling the area. According to Principal Thomas *"The fans will be put to good use, especially over the summer months, and will be transferred for use in the new Visual Arts Department, when renovations are complete."*

Principal Thomas went further to express his sincere gratitude on behalf of the department and the school – *"These fans will make a huge difference to the students as they work to get their pieces complete over the summer. We are so grateful to the Seprod Foundation for their continued support and communication since the fire. It means a lot to all of us."* Dr. Bellamy reiterated the commitment of the Seprod Foundation to the Seaforth High School and the Seaforth community *"Seaforth High School is a part of our community. We have seen the passion and commitment displayed by the students after losing most of their work and we are so pleased we were able to step in and assist in filling this need."*

Seprod Foundation Chairperson, Mrs. Melanie Subratie further commented *"We are thrilled that the fans will make such a difference to the Visual Arts Department. We want to encourage the students to keep going despite any obstacles they may face. These children are Jamaica's future and we want to help them to excel in their exams and ultimately, to succeed in any career they may choose."*

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