



JAMAICA TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

62nd ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Ocean Coral Spring Hotel
Duncans, Trelawny

INFORMATION FOR PARTICIPANTS

Theme:

*Reformation Now: Rebuilding a
Resilient Education System
Buoyed by the Eternal Father &
Unrelenting Unionism*



The JTA is a democratic organization,
dedicated to the professional, financial
and social advancement of its members
and the promotion of the highest
educational standards for the country.

Our vision is to be the regional benchmark for teacher membership organizations; setting standards of excellence in service delivery to national development through education.

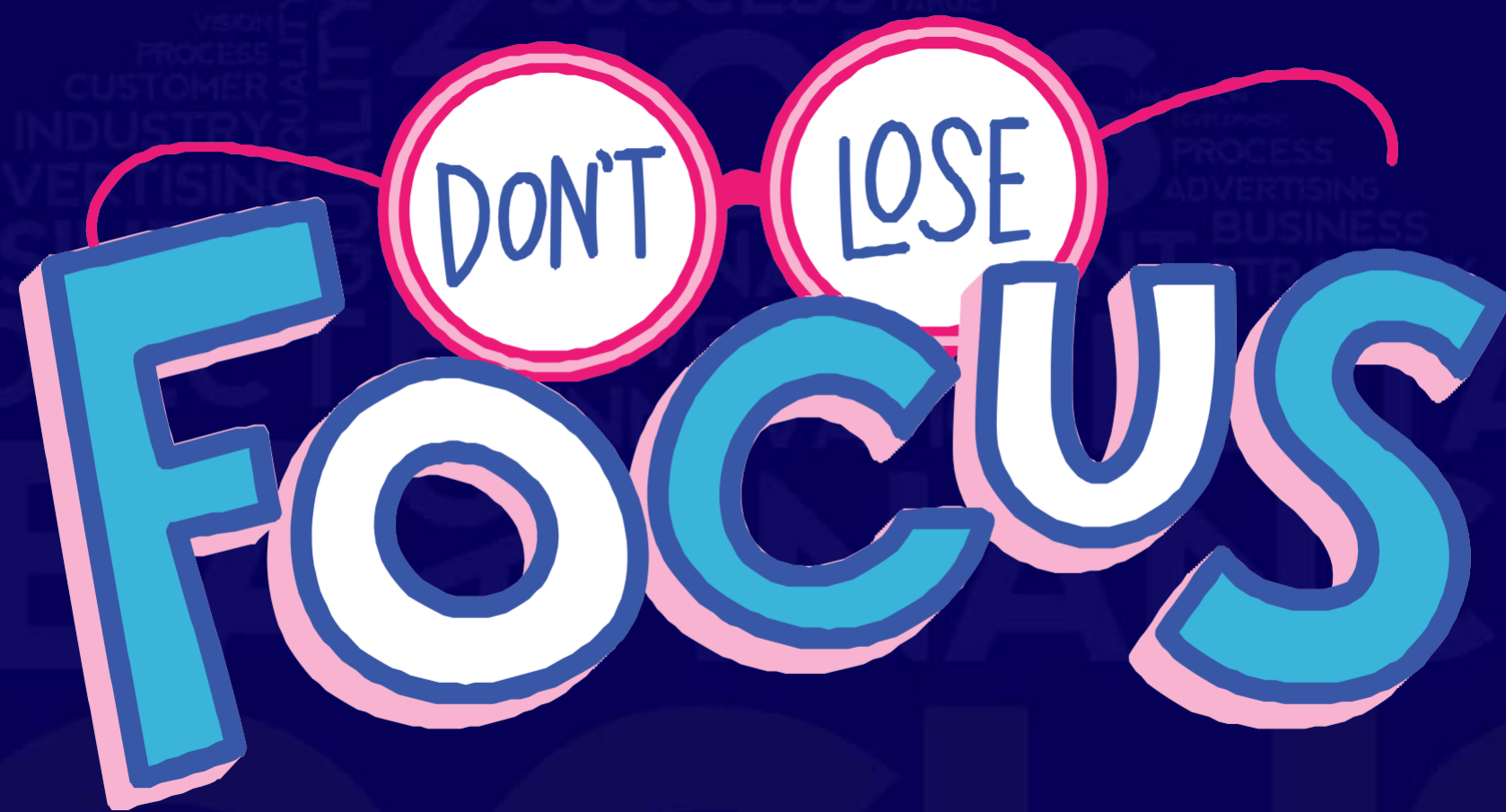




We are thrilled to welcome you to the JTA's 62nd Annual Conference being held at the Ocean Coral Spring, Duncans, Trelawny from August 17-19, 2026. The theme of the Conference this year is

'Reformation Now: Rebuilding a Resilient Education System Buoyed by the Eternal Father & Unrelenting Unionism'.

We have put this Handbook together for you, and it is our hope that it will be helpful as you spend time with us at the conference.



As we navigate the ever-evolving teaching and learning landscape, this conference is an opportunity to reflect, and reimagine not only the future of education, but the future of teacher unionism. Together, we'll explore how we can transform the Jamaica Teachers' Association through innovation that empowers all our members to thrive both professionally and financially. More importantly, you'll connect with a vibrant community of fellow educators committed to advocacy and equity in education.

We appreciate your dedication to teaching and relentless pursuit of excellence. Your voice, vision, and passion are the driving forces behind a brighter, more transformative JTA. Let us continue to Unite and Serve.

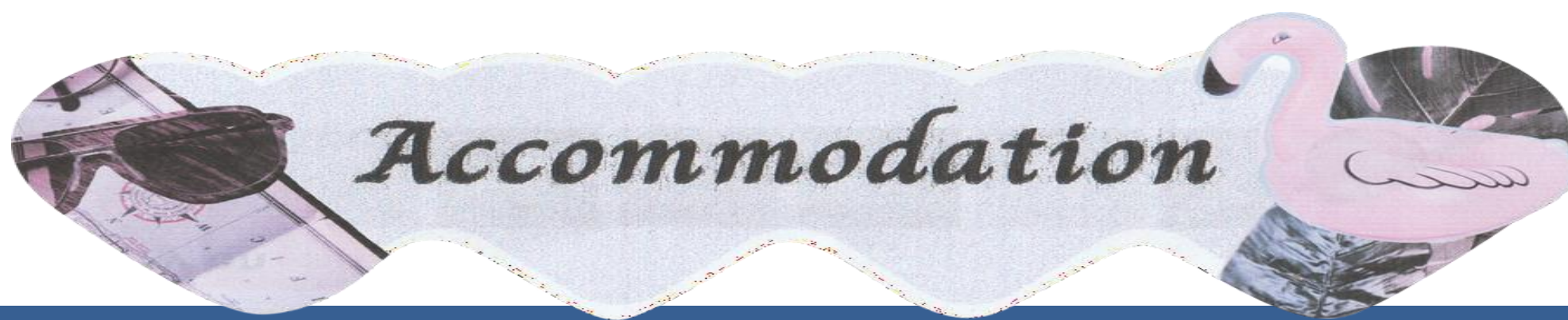


MONDAY AUGUST 17, 2026

By now, you would have completed and submitted the Pre-Conference Registration Form to expedite your hotel check-in.

Regional Registration Desks will be set up and manned by the Regional Officers. You will be ushered to the respective JTA Registration Desks where you will receive all conference materials.

You will also be able to register and check-in to your room by the Ocean Coral Spring hospitality team.



The hotel offers a wide variety of dining options:

Martha's Market: international buffet

Thali: Indian à la carte

Sugar Cane: Caribbean and Jamaican specialties

Sakura: Japanese cuisine with teppanyaki

La Locanda: Italian à la carte

Route 66: American-style specialties

Red Snapper: seafood à la carte

Jamaican Grill: grilled specialties like jerk chicken by the beach

Ocean Burger: American cuisine

Privilege Lounge: exclusive à la carte restaurant for Privilege guests

Most restaurants do not require reservations.

Fine dining options like La Locanda and Sakura require advance booking.

CHECK-OUT

Check-out is at 12:00 p.m. We encourage you check out early and secure your luggage. After checking out, please return to the Conference Room to participate in the sessions.

On arrival, you will be given tags for their luggage, and the Bellman will take and store them in a safe space. Participants are encouraged to also tag their bags before leaving home to avoid them being misplaced.

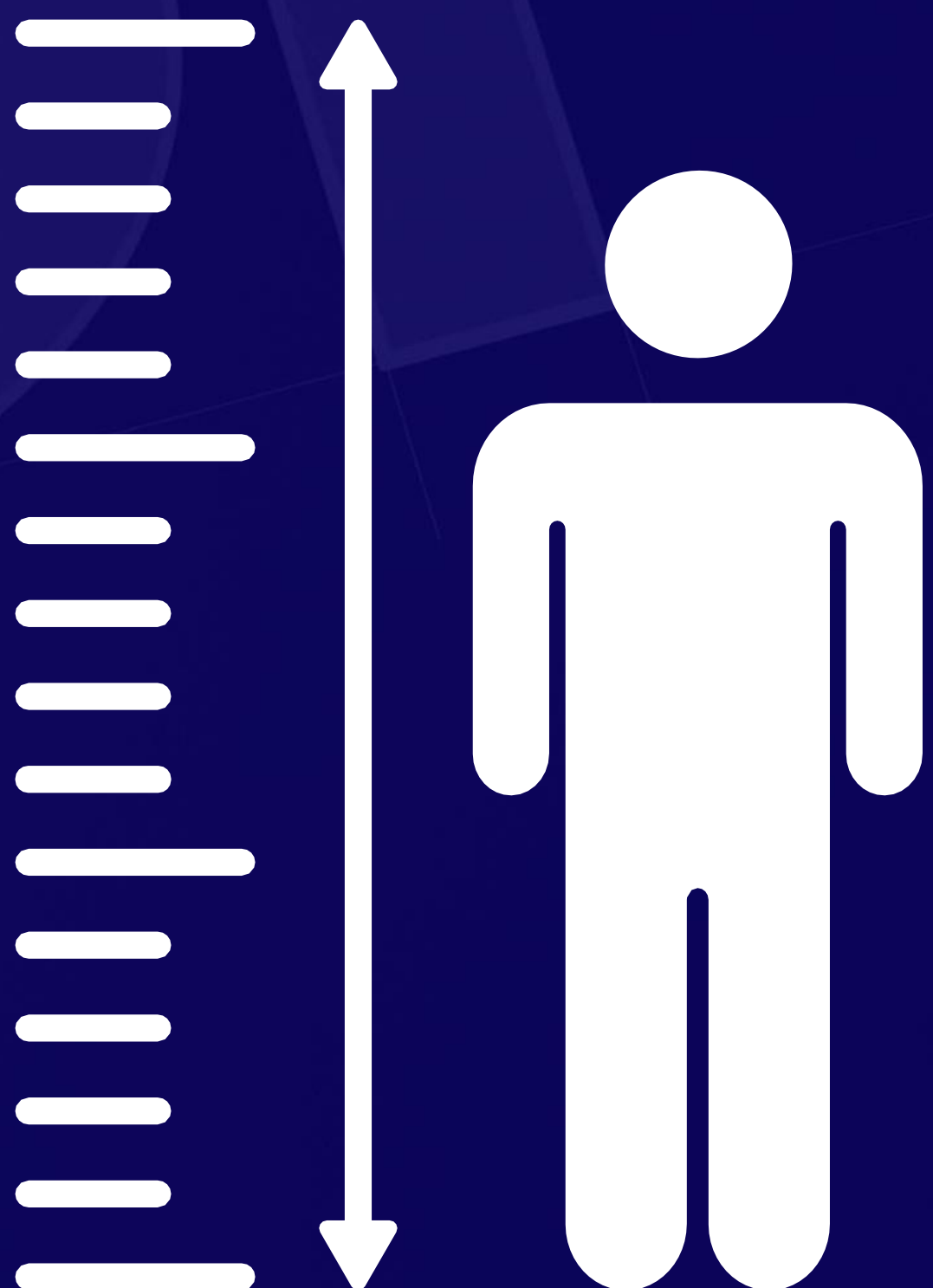


Your Brand Matters!

A teacher's brand is the professional identity you build through your values, actions, teaching style, and the impact you have on students and colleagues. It's how others perceive you, both inside and outside the classroom.

Why is a Good Brand Important at the Education Conference?

A strong, positive brand helps you stand out, builds credibility, and attracts meaningful connections. At the conference, your brand speaks before you do, reflecting your commitment, expertise, professionalism and passion.



*Stand Tall
behind your*
BRAND

CONFERENCE ATTIRE

The JTA's Annual Conference is a **Business Conference** and Delegates and Observers expected to arrive at the Conference dressed Business attire/Corporate wear. Business attire also to be worn on ALL DAYS of the Conference



INVESTITURE CEREMONY

The Investiture Ceremony is
Monday, August 17, 2026
At 8:00p.m.

You are expected to be dressed
Evening Wear. Please make every
effort to on time.



AWARDS CEREMONY

The **Awards Ceremony** is Tuesday, August 19, 2025 at 8:00 p.m. You are expected to be dressed in **Evening Wear**. Please make every effort to be on time.





HOSPITALITY AND INFORMATION DESK

This will be manned by Mr. Clayton Hall, Mr. Colin Spence, Dr. Margaret Chin, Mr. Doran Dixon, and any other Administrative Staff who is available.

USHERING

Specially invited guests will be ushered to their seats by the JTA Administrative Staff and volunteers.

FIRST AID

Speak with any member of the Secretariat should you require this service

STANDING ORDERS

We encourage you adhere to the Standing Orders established. Sessions of the Conference begin and end at a fixed time on the conference time table. Some sessions will involve voting, so please pay attention to the instructions.

EXHIBITS

Several interesting and informative exhibits are available, and we encourage our delegates and observers to visit the booths during their free time. However, we discourage people from visiting the booths while the sessions are in progress.

MOBILE PHONES

Mobile phones should be muted during the sessions.

RAPPORTEUR

This person will be on hand to record all the Sessions

Conference Protocol



Be Punctual

Arrive promptly for every session



Dress the Part

Present yourself as the professional you are. A smart appearance sets the tone.



Engage Actively

Ask questions, share insights and dive into the discussions, your voice matters.



Embrace Varying Perspective

Approach each session with curiosity and an open mind.



Share & Collaborate

Use this forum to exchange ideas and learn from your peers. Collective wisdom is powerful.



Network Authentically

Forge genuine connections over coffee breaks and beyond—today's colleague could be tomorrow's collaborator.



Relax and Reset

Find time to relax and enjoy the resort. Share quality time with you family as well.

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