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**Community Update: The Next Generation of Louverturians Unfolds**  
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Top: Marjorie Mombrun, LCS Dean of Academics, and Esther Paul, Director of Operations – Haiti, holding pre-exam interviews with prospective students.

Each year we hold an entrance exam at Louverture Cleary School as a part of our selection process for our incoming sizyem students. The exam is taken by bright and energetic 11 to 13 year old students who are in their last year of elementary school and seek to enter LCS's youngest class. This year's test will take place on May 11th.

During the registration period for the exam, parents – with their young children in hand – line up outside the school gate. Sometimes they arrive as early as 4:00 A.M. Over time, the hope and determination of the parents must become the hope, determination, and reality of the student. The coming to life of a Louverturian is an amazing transformation.

Typically during the selection process our team at LCS will conduct interviews after the first round of exams. This year, however, Marjorie Mombrun (LCS Dean of Academics) and Esther Paul (Director of Operations – Haiti) are conducting pre-exam interviews with prospective students as well:

To date, 317 students have applied to become Louverturians [for the next school year]. This week, we are meeting with the prospective students to ask basic questions about their home lives and academic backgrounds to determine whether or not the students are truly eligible. – Marjorie Mombrun, LCS Dean of Academics

This pre-exam interview is new this year and it's proving to be very useful. Students are required to submit a report card from their primary school, but due to a lack of standardization among schools in Haiti, a quick conversation helps us to gauge the students' eligibility. Though the interviews have been short, it's clear that some of them will become excellent students. – Esther Paul, Director of Operations – Haiti

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“What you receive as gift, you must give as gift.”  
“Se gratis nou resevwa, Se gratis tou pou nou bay.”

---Matthew 10:8