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BCCI CONGRATULATES GOB ON CHANGE OF SCHOOL ENROLLMENT AGE

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The Belize Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI) takes this opportunity to commend the Government of Belize on its decision to increase the mandatory age for school enrollment from 14 to 16. The BCCI firmly believes that education is a key factor in the development of a country's economy and encourages the continued improvement of the country's education system.

The Government's policy to raise the age is supported by academic literature. TZA World of Labor noted in its assessment of the policy practice, that raising the age is a strategy used by many countries and the general effect of it has been positive on raising the level of education amongst the group most likely to leave the education system early. The policy has also demonstrated potential in positively impacting other areas such as health and crime.

The BCCI reiterates its commitment to support the Government of Belize in national development through meaningful consultation with the private sector.

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