

HOW DO I SEE HANOVER 5 YEARS FROM NOW AND WHAT CAN I DO TO MAKE  
IT HAPPEN

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Hanover is a parish located on the north western tip of the island of Jamaica. It is a part of the county of Cornwall, bordered by St. James in the east and Westmoreland in the south. With the exception of Kingston, it is the smallest parish on the island. Hanover is the birth parish of labour leader and first head of government after universal suffrage Alexander Bustamante, one of seven Jamaican National Heroes. Its capital is Lucea.

Hanover in terms of business has a bright future. The beautiful landscape which surrounds it has space for business development due to the natural flora and fauna that draws a lot of visitors from all over the world annually. Within the next five years several developments can occur in Hanover, in terms of, improvement in parenting, less high school drop outs and improved employment could be achieved.

To ensure better parenting in Hanover within the next five years, I could form a parent development association that would cater to the development of future parents, and parents that have at risk children at school, along with parents whose children have signs of being abused. This program would support parents financially, train and equip parents with the skills needed to raise a productive, healthy and well behaved child or children within Hanover. I would also encourage the minister of education to introduce parenting as an area of study in high schools in Hanover and other parts of the country. I would also encourage the government to introduce outreach programs to schools and students that are parents in Hanover, which would cater for their wellbeing and teach them how to satisfy the needs of their child or children and maintain them financially.

To reduce the number of high school dropouts in Hanover in the next five years, I would persuade the government to introduce youth development programs in schools in Hanover that would teach or remind students about the importance of staying in school and warn them not to get pregnant in school because it could cause them to drop out. The youth

group would reach out to parents that show little or no interest in their child or children's education and with the aid of the government, hold them accountable. The group would remind students of the different sports and career opportunities offered in school, to boost their interest. I would also have charity organizations aid in the financial support of students in the schools of Hanover.

To reduce gang influence on students which would cause them to drop out of school, I would provide the police in Hanover with the necessary resources such as cars and other well needed resources to fight gang violence and recruitment effectively in the parish. In regards to improving employment in Hanover in the next five years, I would create programs that would make people aware of the business opportunities in the parish and teach them how to utilize these opportunities and make them their own. This will in turn lead to more business being formed thus creating more jobs for unemployed persons in Hanover. These programs would also provide financial aids that are not repayable, to persons who wish to form a business.

If better parenting, reduction in high school drop outs and improved employment are a achieved in the next five years we would have a happier, healthier and safer Hanover.