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Jamaica College's Statement relating to the Basil Jarrett Court of Appeal ruling of March 27, 2025.

Today, March 27, 2025, the Court of Appeal upheld what was essentially "Jamaica College's" Appeal to be allowed to reinstate the lawsuit against Basil Jarrett, with the Claimant being our Principal Wayne Robinson.

Our court action demanding that Mr Jarrett give an account for moneys collected on behalf of the school will therefore continue.

The facts of this case are very simple. Our Principal made a contract with an overseas uniform supplier and then asked Basil Jarrett who was President of the Old Boys association to sell them. He admits getting the uniforms, selling them and taking a decision personally not to pay the uniform supplier the money owed for the goods.

The uniform supplier then threatened the Principal with a lawsuit and the school has been paying back the bill for the uniforms ever since.

Basil Jarrett has refused to give an account as to what became of the money. He has declared that his organisation was autonomous and independent of the school and that he had no obligation to account to the school for any money he raised.

He states baldly and boldly in an affidavit that

funds raised from the sale of the Merchandise were treated in the same way as funds raised from other fundraising initiatives and donations, that is as the property of the JCOBA, and given directly to the Beneficiaries or used for maintenance and operational costs of the JCOBA

This case is therefore about a school's fundamental right to its property. If Jarrett's appalling position is allowed to stand anyone could use the name of a school or church and raise money purportedly for it and then refuse to turn over the proceeds or even give an account as to what became of them.

Nothing in our lawsuit accused Mr Jarrett of theft, or demanded audited accounts. We simply ask that the Court uphold our right to call on him, and anyone else in that position, to give us

an account as to what became of the money from the uniforms he sold on behalf of the school.

This is not a matter that we can simply let slide away as the signal to all the persons who raise money in the name of Jamaica College would be potentially devastating.

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Chairman

Jamaica College Board of Management