



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

## MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

# MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **Education Ministers visit schools in Siparia and environs**

Education Minister, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly and Minister in the Ministry of Education, the Honourable Lisa Morris-Julian, headed to the St. Patrick Education District today, Tuesday, 17th May, 2022, as school visits continued. Stopping first at Erin Road Presbyterian Primary at approximately 8:30am, the Honourable Ministers, along with Chief Education Officer, Dr. Peter Smith and Director of School Supervision (Ag), Joy Griffith, met with Principal, Mr. Ricky Pustam and other school officials and were then taken on a tour of the school.

Siparia East Secondary School and Quarry Village Government Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) Center were next. ECCE Director, Carol Bhagwandin met the team at this point and discussed the modified operations of the ECCE Centers. St. Brigid's Girls' Primary, followed by Siparia Boys R.C. and Siparia Union Presbyterian Primary were next to receive the Honourable Ministers and team. Thereafter, the ministry officials moved to St. Christopher's Anglican Primary, Siparia Hindu Primary, then on to Siparia Hindu ECCE Centre. Today's school visits culminated at Iere High School.

These visits enabled the Education Ministers and other Ministry officials to engage directly with Principals, teachers, other school officials and students for direct insight into the schools' operations. Minister Gadsby-Dolly interacted with school personnel and students as they openly shared their experiences and reiterated the support of the Ministry of Education in this transition back to the physical classroom. Underscoring the importance of continued adherence to the safety protocols, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly

reminded students of the significance of their educational pursuits and extended her personal wishes for their success.

Today's visit to 10 schools in the St. Patrick Education District, Trinidad, is the 10th in the series of school tours.

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