



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 South Schools**

On day two (2) of their visits to schools, Ministers of Education, Dr. the Hon. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly and the Hon. Lisa Morris- Julian, along with officials of the Ministry of Education, focused on schools in south Trinidad.

The delegation visited nine schools, starting at Siparia West Secondary School, then onto Debe Secondary School, Jordan Hill Presbyterian and San Fernando Central Secondary School. Next were ASJA Girls' and Boys' Colleges in San Fernando, ASJA Primary School and San Fernando Methodist School; ending with VOS Government Primary School.

The delegation from the Ministry of Education met with school administrators, who provided an overview of safety protocols, attendance schedules and other matters of school operations. Both Education Ministers, former teachers themselves, used the opportunity to engage the students and share words of encouragement and support. They shared in the excitement of the first and second form students, attending secondary school in person for the first time, and encouraged those in Standard 5 to continue to be diligent as their goal was just

ahead.

The Education Minister spoke to her gratitude that the country was able to arrive at this milestone, reminding students that, “Your teachers and parents have worked hard to get us here today, you can show your appreciation by valuing the opportunity to get an education, and doing your best to stay safe. Remember to wear your mask, wash your hands and watch your distance.”

Based on analysis of the data for Tuesday, Feb 8th, 2022, 64% of students were in attendance at secondary schools, while at primary schools, 77% of students attended. The Ministry of Education will continue to monitor the operations of all schools closely.

The visits to schools throughout Trinidad continues on Wednesday, February 9, 2022, when both Ministers and a team of officials from the Ministry are expected to visit schools in North East Trinidad.

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