



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **The MOE's Digital Transformation Programme 2022-2027**

Cabinet has approved the Ministry of Education's (MoE) Digital Transformation Programme 2022-2027. This programme, which builds on the MoE's ICT in Education Policy of 2018, has been expanded, and seeks to replace outdated and outmoded practices. It will allow the MoE to make strategic decisions that impact the education sector with present and future technological advances in mind, while providing cost savings and improvements in service delivery.

Education Minister, Dr. the Hon. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly indicated that, *"the MoE must deliver quality, equitable, modern educational opportunities to all learners; and the suite of digital transformation projects, when applied in a systematic and responsive manner, has the potential to do just that."* The Digital Transformation Programme 2022-2027 comprises thirteen (13) projects which are at varying stages of implementation. While some of the projects started in 2019, there are more recent additions, as the MoE continues to be responsive to changing local and global circumstances. In this regard, the Programme will be augmented, if required, during its planned implementation schedule.

The thirteen (13) Digital Projects are:

1. School Learning Management System (SLMS)
2. E-book Platform
3. Literacy and Numeracy Adaptive Learning Platform
4. Student Management System
5. Open Educational Resources (OERs)
6. National Online Open and Innovative School
7. Student Digital Literacy
8. Human Resource Support (IHRIS/Document Management)
9. School Issue Management System - SIMS

10. E-testing
11. Quick Response Identification Cards for Students
12. Device Provision for Staff, Teachers and Students
13. Scholarship/Bursaries Management Platform

The benefits of some of these projects are already being realized, with over 63 000 laptops and devices being distributed to students and teachers. Further to this, each of the 134 Secondary Schools in Trinidad and Tobago, as of August 2022, has been outfitted with wifi in their office spaces, libraries and common areas, and this exercise has also been completed in some Primary Schools. Expansion of e-Testing is being piloted in the January 2023 CXC examinations, the digitizing of teacher records on IHRIS, student records on the SMS, and creation of e-Classrooms on the SLMS are all ongoing, and the eBook platform and numeracy solution will be tendered through iGovTT in October 2022.

The benefits of this Programme are far reaching, and will positively impact areas such as records management, management of school infrastructure, curriculum delivery, teacher development and the conduct of examinations. The MoE's Digital Transformation will result in greater efficiency and improved service delivery at all levels; and the beneficiaries will be the nation's children.

Ultimately, the goal is the efficient development of globally competitive citizens, as students are provided with a learner centered and digitally agile education system. This can only be achieved through the development of digital fluency, the facilitation of learning at an individualised pace, continuous learning and development, and the movement away from manual operations at the technical and administrative level of the Ministry.

The MOE's Digital Transformation Programme 2022-2027 document can be viewed on the Ministry of Education's website at <https://www.moe.gov.tt/digital-transformation-programme/>

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