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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

Education Minister visits schools from Matelot to Cumana

Education Minister, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly headed to the northeastern most tip of Trinidad for school visits today, Tuesday, May 3rd, 2022. Accompanying her were the newly appointed Chief Education Officer, Dr. Peter Smith and Director of School Supervision (Ag), Joy Griffith. The Honourable Minister and team arrived at the first school, Matelot Community College, at approximately 9:00am where students greeted them with a musical ensemble of steel pan and drums and singing.

Matelot RC Primary was next, followed by Grand Riviere AC, Monte Video Government Primary, San Souci RC Primary and L'Anse Noire Moravian Primary. As the team moved forward, the next stop was Toco RC Primary, Toco (St. David's) AC Primary, Toco Government Secondary, Cumana RC School, Cumana AC Primary with the final stop at Cumana SDA School.

At each school, the Education Minister and executive had the opportunity to hear and see, firsthand, some of the schools' history, successes and challenges, and to discuss their experience with the return to physical classes. Minister Gadsby-Dolly was, as always, happy to interact directly with the students at the schools, sharing

words of advice and encouragement, and even joined in executing some netball catches at Cumana AC School with the students. Her advice to students was that "despite the challenges of the last two years, your education remains a priority and should continue to work as hard as you can. Your teachers, principal, parents, and all of us at the Ministry of Education have your best interest at heart. We want you to succeed. Be sure to adhere to the safety protocols and focus on your school work."

Today's visit to eleven (12) schools northeastern Trinidad is the ninth in the series of school tours.

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