



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

**MINISTRY OF EDUCATION**

**MEDIA RELEASE**

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **Ministry of Education meets Education Stakeholders to Discuss School Operations of Term III, Academic Year 2021/22.**

Further to the full return of all students to physical school at the Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE), Primary, Secondary and Tertiary level from 19th April, 2022 (Term III 2021-2022), Dr. the Hon Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education, the Hon. Lisa Morris Julian, Minister in the Ministry of Education, along with the executive of the Ministry met with Education Stakeholders today, May 6th, 2022. Discussions were held with regard to school operations.

Present were representatives from the Division of Education, Research and Technology of the Tobago House of Assembly (THA), Denominational Boards, Associations of Private Primary and Secondary Schools, Principals' Associations for Primary and Secondary schools, and the National Parent Teachers Association (NPTA). Though the Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA) was unable to attend this meeting due to prior commitments, they are in communication with the Ministry, and a meeting to discuss their contribution is imminent.

The matters discussed included COVID-19 case management, school infrastructure, funding, staffing vacancies and school discipline. Based on the matters raised in today's meeting concerning COVID-19 case management, and further to the procedures for COVID-19 Management as outlined in the Guidelines for the Physical Re-Opening of Schools – Phase 4, the Ministry of Education has prepared and issued to all Principals and stakeholders a COVID-19 Case Management Guide which provides greater detail regarding the procedure for managing both suspected and positive cases of the COVID-19 virus in schools.

Principals, Middle Managers, Vice Principals and Senior Teachers of each education district are expected to be engaged by the Education District Health Unit from May 11th, 2022, along with representatives of the County Medical Office for Health (CMOH) Offices, to discuss, in more detail, COVID-19 management at schools.

The Ministry lauds the efforts of all staff, stakeholders, parents, teachers, middle management, and Principals as Trinidad and Tobago seeks to offer the best educational opportunity possible, in the time of the pandemic, to our children. Our continued cooperation and commitment during this transitionary period will be critical for realization of the best outcomes.

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