



Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

16 schools in Southeast Trinidad welcome Education Minister

The delegation of MOE officials, headed by Dr. the Hon. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education, was off to a very early start for day four (4) of the tour of schools throughout Trinidad. A warm southeastern welcome from students and teachers greeted Minister Gadsby-Dolly at Guayaguayare Secondary School, the first stop on the sixteen-school tour. The school's Principal, Mr. Gregory Charles and School Supervisor III, Soren Bijiram led the Honourable Minister and team to see measures implemented at the school to welcome students back to in person teaching.

The team of Ministry officials, which included Chief Education Officer, Lisa Henry-David and Director School Supervision, Naima Hosein along with School Supervisors, received updates from the Principals of each school on levels of preparedness, administrative and infrastructural needs, levels of attendance, student response to the return to physical school and general readiness. All schools visited have worked assiduously to provide the required safety protocols which allow students and teachers to return to school safely. Where further support and intervention is required, the Ministry's technical team will provide, in conjunction with the National Maintenance Training and Security Company Limited.

Dr. the Hon. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, Minister of Education, engaged with students at every school visited, questioning them about their experiences on returning to the physical classroom with their teachers and friends. The Honourable Minister reminded students that, *"while the return to school opened the doors to make new friends and rekindle old*

friendships, it is also equally important that you focus on getting the most value from your education. Work hard, and above all, stay safe so that we can keep our schools open."

The Education Minister thanks teachers, administrators, parents and all stakeholders for their efforts to get our students back to school. School visits are expected to continue every Tuesday, with a goal of visiting all schools in Trinidad.

The schools visited today, February 15, 2022, were:

1. Guayaguayare Secondary School
2. Guayaguayare RC School, St. Anthony Primary School
3. Mayaro St. Thomas RC School
4. Mayaro Government Primary School
5. Mayaro Secondary School
6. Mafeking Government Primary School
7. Rio Claro East Secondary School
8. Rio Claro West Secondary School
9. Rio Claro Hindu SDMS
10. Rio Claro Presbyterian Primary School
11. St. Therese RC School
12. Poole Rosary RC School
13. Libertville TML Primary School
14. Robert Village Hindu School
15. Tableland Secondary
16. North Trace Government Primary School

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