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MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

MY TEACHER IS A SUPERHERO – PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY

(REMARKS)

Message By

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SALUTATIONS:

- **The Honourable Lisa Morris-Julian**, Minister in the Ministry of Education
- **Mr Kurt Meyer**, Permanent Secretary
- **Dr Peter Smith**, Chief Education Officer
- **Mr Aaron Ramrattan**, Director of School Supervision.
- **Ms Ayinka Nurse-Carrington**, Manager, Student Support Services Division (SSSD)
- **Ms Leticia Rodriguez-Cupid**, Head of the Special Education Unit - Student Support Services Division (SSSD)
- **Ms Lovaan Superville**, Vice President - National Institute of Higher Education, Research and Science (NIHERST)
- **Ms Geena-Marie Carimbocas**, Representative - Langston Roach Industries
- **Ms Natasha Davis**, Vice President - Marketing and Operations, Unit Trust Corporation (UTC)

- **Mr Daniel Austin, Marketing Manager - Xtra Foods Trinidad**
- **Students, parents and teachers**
- **Specially invited guests**
- **Members of the Media**

Good morning,

In recognition of the United Nations World Teachers Day 2022, which was celebrated on October 5, I am especially pleased to join with you today in celebration of the outstanding and well-meaning video responses that have been submitted to the *My Teacher is a Superhero Competition*. I offer each one of you special congratulations and invite you to give yourselves a big round of applause. **[applause]**

A Super Teacher is one who sees the potential in every child, and does everything within their power to motivate students to reach their highest potential. This year's theme, "The Transformation of Education Begins with Teachers," speaks volumes as it signifies that teachers are essentially the heart and soul of our schools. With great teachers, we get great lessons and thus a reflection of great students!

A special thank you extends to you children who have spoken so highly about your teachers and have allowed our over 97,000 Ministry of Education TT's Facebook followers to vote for their favourite videos. Altogether, we would have received a total of 21 submissions from

various Primary and Secondary schools across Trinidad and Tobago. And the old adage of quality and not quantity applies, as indeed we got some excellent quality submissions.

I must acknowledge that the submissions were quite entertaining this year. We saw dramatic essays, a number of poetic renditions, spoken word recitals, and some very entertaining visual transitions. This is the kind of creativity that we want to continue into next year's competition.

Teachers and students alike, I want to remind all of you that you are one of kind. Students, you are not too young to be an inspiration to your teachers; and teachers, continue to be outstanding role models to your students. This is but an easy way we can all make a huge difference within our communities and wider societies.

I wish to thank our returning and new sponsors this year for your recognition of both students and teachers.

Once again, I say congratulations on a job well done and keep up the excellent work!

Thank you and God bless.