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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

MEDIA STATEMENT

Analysis of the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) 2023 Results

A total of 18,797 students wrote the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) in 2023, of which 50.68% (9,527) were male and 49.32% (9,270) were female. In 2023, the mean Mathematics score is 50.4, English Language Arts Writing, 53.4 and English Language Arts score is 61.6. These mean scores in 2023, when compared to 2022, show a marked improvement in the performance of students. In 2022, the mean Mathematics score was 41.941. Similarly, the mean English Language Arts Writing score was 44.339 and the mean English Language Arts score was 44.397.

The performance of students in the SEA is analyzed according to the percentage of students attaining three important thresholds, the percentage of students scoring above 50%, 30% and below and above 90%. In 2023, the percentage of students scoring above 50% on the SEA was 58.06% versus 37.06% in 2022 and 52.49% in 2021. Additionally, in 2023 the percentage of students scoring 30% or below decreased to 13.55% when compared to 2022 (27.81%) and 17.7% in 2021. The percentage of students scoring above 90% in 2023 is 2.11%, which indicates an increase from 2022 which was 0.47%. *See table below*

Score	Above 90%	Above 50%	30 % or below
2023	2.11%	58.06%	13.55%
2022	0.47%	37.06%	27.81%
2021	3%	52.49%	17.7%

According to Education Minister, Dr. the Hon Nyan Gadsby Dolly, *“The improvement in student performance at SEA 2023 was expected, due to the physical return of students to the classroom, and the interventions of the Ministry in addressing learning loss through the implementation of the Remedial Education Program in 80 Primary Schools. This Program includes initiatives such as the After School Support Education Programme (ASSEP), assignment of dedicated School Social Workers, Guidance Officers, Special Education Officers, and Learning Support Assistants. While the results show that these efforts are beginning to bear fruit, these initiatives must be sustained consistently over the next 5 years to effectively mitigate the effects of learning loss.”*

The Ministry of Education takes this opportunity to congratulate all students who sat the SEA 2023 examination. Parents of students entering Form 1 in September 2023, are reminded that registration for the Secondary Vacation Revision Programme, which takes place at thirty-three (33) centres across Trinidad, begins on July 17, 2023.

The Ministry of Education urges parents of all eligible students to ensure that their children attend this programme, which is designed to provide support for a successful transition from Primary to Secondary School. More information about this programme can be found on the Ministry of Education's social media platforms.

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