MEDIA RELEASE

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Ministry of Education and Ministry of Health Collaboration to Expedite **Medical Assessment of Teachers**

During the period July- August 2023, the Ministry of Education (MOE) collaborated with the Ministry of Health (MOH) to have the Regional Health Authorities (RHAs) undertake a mass medicals exercise. Three thousand, three hundred and nineteen teachers (3319) teachers were listed for assessment, and to date, two thousand and fifty (2055) have been completed.

According to Education Minister, Dr. Nyan Gadsby-Dolly, "this step demonstrates how critical it is for government agencies and statutory authorities to collaborate on transformative measures to the benefit of our stakeholders." Through the support of the MOH, and the various Regional Health Authorities, these teachers, who have already worked the mandatory two years of continuous service, are now eligible to receive their Certificate of Fitness, based on this medical assessment and a favourable staff report.

The MOE has already begun the next phase of preparing the relevant documentation for the Teaching Service Commission (TSC to facilitate confirmation of appointment for these teachers.

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