## **MEDIA RELEASE**

March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Dear Editor / Head of Department,

## The Ministry of Education Condemns Reckless Threat to Schools' Safety and Security

The Ministry of Education (MOE) strongly condemns the disruptions to students' education caused by a threat sent via email to primary schools in the South Eastern District. As per established safety protocols, students were removed to muster points, the TTPS was notified, and sweeps of the identified schools within the South-Eastern Education District have begun.

The Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) is currently updating the MOE with regard to the completion of the sweeping exercise at individual schools. Once schools are cleared for resumption of normal school operations, Principals will be advised, and will in turn advise parents. Based on the projections of the TTPS, most, if not all affected schools should be able to resume operations on Wednesday, March 6th, 2024.

The MOE wishes to assure parents that the safety of the students and staff is paramount. The MOE is working closely with the Ministry of National Security and related law enforcement agencies, including the Cybersecurity Incident Response Team, to investigate this incident.

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