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MEDIA RELEASE

Dear Editor / Head of Department,

**TT\$20,000,000 in School Supplies and Book Grant Payments Distributed
by the Ministry of Education**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) wishes to advise that as of Friday, September 6th, 2024, a total of twenty million Trinidad and Tobago dollars (TT\$20,000,000.00) in Book Grant payments have been disbursed, via direct deposit transactions to banks, as well as printed cheques, representing the payment of twenty thousand (20,000) grants of one thousand dollars (\$1000) each.

A total of twenty-six thousand, nine hundred and sixty-seven (26,967) applications for the Book Grant were received, with approximately twenty thousand (20,000) approved.

It should be noted that while the vast majority of approved applicants were paid without issue, based on correct and complete applications received and verified, a very small minority were unable to receive designated payments, due to unsuccessful efforts to verify conflicting or incomplete information, the submission of incorrect bank account numbers, closed accounts, incorrect phone numbers and email addresses and unanswered phone calls. Considerable attempts were made to clear as many of these queries as possible during the processing period. At this time, the processing period has ended, therefore further payments will not be facilitated.

Disbursement of Funds

Financial Institutions	No. Applicants Paid
Jamaica Money Market Brokers (JMMB)	87
Bank of Nova Scotia (Scotiabank)	2,228
Republic Bank Limited	5,645
Royal Bank of Canada	2,791
First Citizens Bank	6,336
Payment via Cheques	2,913
Sub Total Bank & Cheque	20,000
TOTAL	20,000

The application process for the School Supplies and Book Grant commenced on April 9th and closed on April 30th, 2024. This initiative was designed to assist parents/guardians who face difficulty in acquiring essential school supplies.

The Ministry of Education thanks all staff and stakeholders who collaborated to ensure successful completion of this exercise.

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