



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **Renewal of Contracts for 86 ECCE Educators**

The Ministry of Education (MOE) has renewed the employment contracts of eighty-six (86) Early Childhood Care and Education (ECCE) teachers and teacher assistants, reaffirming the Government's commitment to the continued advancement and full operationalization of public ECCE Centres across the nation. The renewed contracts effective for a period of three years include thirteen (13) teachers and seventy-three (73) teacher assistants whose existing contractual periods have expired.

Speaking on the renewal, Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, stated *"This contract renewal reflects our firm dedication to strengthening early childhood education in Trinidad and Tobago."* Currently, there are one hundred and forty-three (143) operational Government and Government-Assisted ECCE Centres nationwide, serving five thousand three hundred and twenty-four (5,324) enrolled students.

The ECCE Division within the MOE holds primary responsibility for the developmental needs of children aged three to five years old, and maintains oversight of ECCE Centres throughout the country, including those that are government-assisted. This division also works collaboratively with the Division of Education, Research and Technology (DERTech) in Tobago ensuring the consistent delivery of quality early childhood education.

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