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MOE Executive Team Engages Secondary School Principals in Strategic Action Plan Forum

Dr. the Honourable. Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, along with members of the Ministry of Education's (MOE) Senior Executive Team, hosted a high-level engagement forum with Principals of all Government and Government-Assisted Secondary Schools on Wednesday, 20th August, 2025. The event, titled "Leadership in Motion – Action Plan Forum," also welcomed eighteen (18) School Supervisors III, representing the seven Education Districts across Trinidad.

This forum was designed to:

- share the Ministry's strategic vision;
- solicit constructive feedback;
- and promote meaningful collaboration in support of strengthening the national education system.

In his remarks, Mr. Claudelle Mc Kellar, Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Education, highlighted the pivotal role of school leaders in driving educational transformation.

"As Principals, you are not only the guardians of our schools... but also the visionaries who must help translate national educational policies into meaningful daily experiences for our children. It is your blend of leadership and pragmatism that will bridge the gap between strategy and practice, ensuring that ideas become impact," he stated.

The session provided a comprehensive overview of the Ministry's priority initiatives, including:

- Universal Screening and Development Tracking
- Parental Engagement and Support
- Indiscipline Management
- Strengthening of TVET Education
- Priority Schools Project
- Teacher and Administrator Development
- School Supervision and Leadership
- Homework Centres
- Curriculum and Assessment Reform
- Infrastructure and Resource Enhancement
- Human Resource Management
- Legislative and Governance Improvements

- Strengthened School Nutrition and Cafeteria Policy
- Prompt Filling of Vacancies
- Introduction of Digitally Enhanced AI-Generated Textbooks

In addressing the gathering, Dr. the Hon. Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education, urged Principals and Supervisors to adopt a proactive and values-based approach to school leadership.

“As Principals and School Supervisors, your leadership extends beyond the walls of the school. In today’s world, the ability to communicate effectively with society is not optional, it is essential. You are the bridge between the education system and the communities we serve. By engaging openly and meaningfully with parents, stakeholders, and the wider public, you not only strengthen trust in our institutions but also ensure that the voice of education remains central to national development. Let us commit to building schools that speak to society not only through results, but through dialogue, partnerships, and shared purpose.” the Minister emphasized.

Approximately 125 Principals were in attendance and engaged actively in the forum, raising critical questions and concerns regarding school operations. Topics discussed included staffing and vacancy management, infrastructure improvements, school security, promotional procedures, and enhancing communication channels between the Ministry and school leadership.

The Ministry of Education remains committed to empowering school leaders and fostering stronger partnerships across schools, families, communities, and national stakeholders ensuring that every student is supported with the best opportunities to succeed.

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