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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

NDSL Board of Directors Receive Instruments of Appointment

The newly appointed Board of Directors of the National Schools Dietary Services Limited (NSDSL) officially received their Instruments of Appointment on Friday, September 12, 2025, during a formal ceremony held at the Education Towers, St. Vincent Street, Port of Spain.

The event was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Education (MoE), including Dr. the Honourable Michal Dowlath, Minister of Education, who delivered the feature address. In his remarks, Minister Dowlath underscored the critical role of the Board in ensuring the continued delivery of high-quality meals to students across the nation.

Minister Dowlath stated, *“As stewards of our nation’s dietary programme, it is your responsibility to ensure that the highest standards of quality are maintained in every aspect of service delivery. Understand and respond to the unique nutritional needs of our children. Their well-being depends on your commitment to excellence and your dedication to nourishing both body and potential.”*

Among the Ministry’s leadership in attendance were Mr. Claudelle McKellar, Permanent Secretary; Mrs. Simone Williams, Permanent Secretary (Ag.); Dr. Peter Smith, Chief Education Officer; and other senior executives. Also present was Ms. Stacy Barran, Chief Executive Officer of the NSDSL.

The NSDSL manages the School Nutrition Programme (SNP) on behalf of the Ministry of Education, under the oversight of the Ministry of Finance. Each day, the programme provides approximately 62,768 breakfast meals and 76,914 lunches to students across more than 800 schools nationwide. These meals are prepared and delivered by 65 contracted caterers strategically located across Trinidad.



Established as a limited liability company by Cabinet on May 16, 2002, NSDSL plays a vital role in supporting student well-being through nutritious meal provision. The organisation works closely with key stakeholders, including the Ministry of Health (MoH), the Ministry of Agriculture, Land and Fisheries (MoALF), and the National Agricultural Marketing and Development Corporation (NAMDEVCO), to deliver on its mandate.

Newly Appointed Board of Directors of the NSDSL (2025–2027):

1. **Mrs. Raffiena Ali Boodoosingh** – Chairman
2. **Ms. Anjanie Benjamin** – Deputy Chairman
3. **Dr. Samir Gopeesingh** – Board Member
4. **Ms. Hema Reena Boodram** – Board Member
5. **Mr. Nizamudeen Ali** – Board Member
6. **Ms. Ria Roopchandsingh** – Board Member
7. **Ms. Angel Jaggernath** – Board Member
8. **Ms. Carlene C. Banfield** – Board Member
9. **Ms. Racquel Ghany** – Board Member
10. **Mr. Ronald Desmond Garcia** – Board Member
11. **Ms. Alicia Joanna Knights** – Board Member
12. **Mr. Akini Williams** – Board Member

Each member will serve a two-year term, bringing diverse expertise and leadership to support the continued success and development of the School Nutrition Programme.

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