



## MEDIA RELEASE

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

### **Community Disturbance near St. Francois Girls' College**

The Ministry of Education wishes to apprise the public of a shooting incident a few streets away from the St. Francois Girls' College earlier today.

Following the incident, the school implemented a temporary lockdown to ensure the safety of all students and staff. Coordination with the Trinidad and Tobago Police Service (TTPS) and local authorities, resulted in early dismissal. Students were safely released to their parents, guardians, and authorised school transport. The Ministry confirms that **all students and staff are safe**.

To support the students and staff affected by today's incident, the Student Support Services Division, together with the TTPS Community Police Unit and the Victim and Support Unit, has been mobilised to provide counselling and psychosocial assistance.

The Ministry commends the school administration, staff, and law enforcement for their prompt action and continued vigilance to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the school community.

The Ministry continues to work closely with the TTPS and will provide further updates as necessary. Parents and guardians are assured that student safety remains the Ministry of Education's highest priority.

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