



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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Dear Editor/Head of Department,

### **Completion of “A Laptop for Every Child” 2025/2026 Nationwide Distribution**

The Ministry of Education is pleased to announce the successful completion of its 2025/2026 nationwide laptop distribution exercise to support both students transitioning from the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) into Form 1 and teachers, reaffirming Government’s commitment to digital access and equitable learning opportunities.

A total of 18,000 laptops were procured for distribution across 154 secondary institutions. These institutions include 125 Government and Government-Assisted schools in Trinidad, 9 schools in Tobago, 10 Private Institutions, and 10 Junior Life Centres.

A total of 17,487 students were placed into secondary schools, with 17,188 laptops being distributed based on confirmed enrolment data submitted by receiving secondary schools. The variance largely represents students who are repeating or who opted to attend private Secondary Schools.

Dr. the Honourable Michael Dowlath, Minister of Education said the initiative informs the Ministry’s commitment to preparing young people to participate confidently in a digital and knowledge-driven world. Dr. Dowlath underscored that, “Access to technology is no longer a luxury in education... it is a necessity. By placing these devices in the hands of our students, we are strengthening digital inclusion, supporting teaching and learning, and investing in the future.”

The distribution exercise was officially launched by the Prime Minister, the Honourable Kamla Persad-Bissessar, SC, on November 27, 2025 at Penal Secondary School and officially concluded on February 11, 2026.

This initiative supports the Ministry's continued modernization of the education system. The Ministry thanks the technical teams, school administrators, parents, and staff for their cooperation in completing the nationwide exercise.

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