Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago
Ministry of Education

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

Update on Proposed Government-Assisted Arrangements for BATCE

The Ministry of Education is working with the Bishop Anstey Association and the Office of the Attorney General to advance long-term arrangements for the continued operation and funding of Bishop Anstey High School East, Trinity College East and the BATCE Sixth Form.

The Ministry's priority is to support continuity of teaching and learning while establishing a sustainable framework that preserves the schools' denominational identity and supports their future development.

Discussions are progressing towards a Government-Assisted model. This approach is intended to maintain the contribution of the Bishop Anstey Association, while providing a clear framework for management, public funding and operational responsibilities. The proposed arrangements remain subject to finalisation.

Government has continued to provide financial support for the schools' operations while discussions are ongoing. A payment of $50 million was made for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. The Ministry recognises the importance of stability for students, parents, teachers, and other staff, and is working with relevant parties towards an orderly transition.

Following a meeting held on 16 October 2026, the Office of the Attorney General is coordinating the legal work to facilitate the finalisation and execution of the necessary documents.

Alongside these discussions, operational planning will address the educational and administrative needs of the schools, including curriculum delivery, staffing, and campus maintenance. This work will also take account of the shared Sixth Form and the facilities that support the wider school community.

The Ministry will continue its engagement with the Bishop Anstey Association and the Office of the Attorney General and will provide further updates as substantive arrangements are confirmed.

The interests of students remain central to this process. The Ministry is committed to supporting quality education through sustainable partnership that respects the schools' denominational character, establishes clear responsibilities and promotes the effective use of public resources.

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