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Dear Editor / Head of Department.

Education Ministers Visit Schools in POS & St. George East Education Districts

Education Ministers, Dr. the Honourable Nyan Gadsby-Dolly and the Honourable. Lisa Morris-Julian, along with a team of Ministry officials, visited a total of fourteen (14) primary and secondary schools, as well as an Early Childhood Care and Education Centre within the Port of Spain and Environs and the St. George East Education Districts on Tuesday, 22nd June, 2022.

The MOE executives started at 8:30am at Russell Latapy Secondary School, where they were greeted by the school's Principal Mrs. Alicia Lucien-Baptiste. She led the MOE team on a tour of the school, where both Ministers Gadsby-Dolly and Morris-Julian took the opportunity to engage students in brief conversation about their school work. The MOE team next visited Malick Secondary School, then moved to eleven (11) primary and secondary schools and one (1) ECCE Centre.

The schools visited were - Malick Girls' R.C Primary, St. Columba Anglican ECCE (Barataria), Barataria AC Primary, St. Dominic Savio RC Primary and St. George's College, Barataria South Secondary, Barataria North Secondary, San Juan Boys' and San Juan Girls' R.C. Primary, San Juan Presbyterian Primary, San Juan S.D.A Primary and Febeau Government Primary Schools.

Minister Nyan Gadsby-Dolly and the team, which included Permanent Secretaries Lenor Baptiste - Simmons and Kurt Meyer, Chief Education Officer Dr. Peter Smith, and Director of School Supervision, Joy Griffith, engaged principals, teachers and school administrators on various operational matters, such as infrastructure, attendance, school discipline, health and safety.

Speaking with students at Barataria North Secondary School Dr. Gadsby-Dolly reminded them about the importance of preparing for their end of term examination. "Remember there's a time for everything under the sun. Your examinations must be a priority now and you must work hard in order to succeed."

In February 2021, Ministers Gadsby-Dolly, Morris-Julian and members of the MOE senior executive team, embarked on a schedule of semimonthly school visits. The MOE team has so far visited one hundred and twenty-six (126) secondary, primary, Special Schools and ECCE centres across the seven Education Districts in Trinidad, and will continue until visits to all 823 schools have been completed.

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