

Government of the Republic of Trinidad and Tobago MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

SEA/Concordat Consultations Begin

The Ministry of Education in collaboration with The School of Education of The University of the West Indies (UWI) will host a two-day consultation on the Secondary Entrance Assessment (SEA) Examination and the Concordat. Stakeholders and members of the public are invited to share their views during the event which will be streamed live on the MOE Facebook page on **Thursday 9**th **June and Tuesday 14th June, from 6:00pm**. Some of the topics for discussion include the role of teachers in moving an education system forward, Denominational Boards as Partners, Policy Trajectory of the SEA & Concordat and the role of parents in achieving system change.

In December 2021, a Cabinet appointed committee was formed for the review of the SEA/Concordat in the transition of students from primary to secondary school. It was given nine months to complete the report. Work began in January 2022, the approach to which is participatory. The Committee has been speaking to various national and international experts; has explored theory, case studies, consultation and empirical data, and will now like to tap into public opinion.

This is an opportunity for keys stakeholders and more importantly, parents and teachers to better understand the key issues involved in transitioning students from primary to secondary schools. It is also a chance to engage in the process of transforming the education system. The public is invited to register to participate live via Zoom, or to log on to the Livestream on the MOE Facebook page or WhatsApp the Committee on 776-0440. Additional contributions can be made via email to <u>SeaConsultation@moe.gov.tt</u> during the consultation period. Additional information and updates on the consultation can be found on <u>www.moe.gov.tt</u>

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