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Dear Editor / Head of Department,

New Academic School Year 2022/23 Opens

September 5th, 2022, marked the first day of Academic Year 2022/23. This is the first academic year since 2019/20 that all of our students are returning to classes physically. Today also marks the release of CXC examination results for students who wrote CSEC and CAPE examinations in June/July 2022.

With regard to performance at CSEC and CAPE: A total of seven thousand hundred five hundred and ninety-seven (7 597) candidates (2 989 males and 4 608 females) were registered for CAPE Unit I and Unit II Examinations in 2022, for thirty-three (33) Unit I and thirty (30) Unit II subjects.

In 2022, 94.34% (28 431) of written CAPE subject entries achieved acceptable passes i.e. Grades I-V compared to 93.93% (30 926) in 2021. In 2022, 70.78% (21 333 subject entries) attained Grades I, II and III, compared to 72.84% (23 980) in 2021.

A total of twenty thousand four-hundred and fifty-six (20 456) candidates (11 412 females and 9 044) males) wrote the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate (CSEC) examination in thirty-four (34) subjects in 2022. Passing grades (Grades I, II & III) were obtained in 62.72% (67 845) of the subject entries compared with 65.26% (68 322) in 2021.

In 2022, 53.05% seven thousand one hundred and forty-eight (7 148) of the students writing 5 or more CSEC subjects were successful in 5 or more subjects, compared to 54.1% (7 487) in 2021. Further, 43.66% (5 789) of the students who attempted five or more subjects inclusive of Mathematics and English A were successful; the figure for 2021 stood at 46.5% (6 333) students. The Ministry takes this opportunity to congratulate all of our CXC students, and to wish them the best in their future endeavors.

Based on data received from the Division of School Supervision, at our Primary Schools today, there was attendance of sixteen thousand, eight-hundred and nineteen (16 819), or 17% students, and one thousand, three hundred and ninety-two (1392) or 27% teachers. At denominational Primary Schools, the teacher and student attendance was 28% and 20% respectively, while the corresponding attendance at government schools was 24% and 12% respectively.

At Secondary Schools, there was attendance of twenty-eight thousand, seven hundred and thirty-eight (28 738), or 39% students, and one thousand eight-hundred and fifty-one (1851), or 31% teachers. At denominational Secondary Schools, the teacher and student attendance was 47% and 68% respectively, while the corresponding attendance at government schools was 25% and 26% respectively.

The return of our students to the physical classroom is a critical milestone, and its importance cannot be overstated. The results of our standardized terminal examinations, SEA to a greater extent than CSEC and CAPE, show that there is much work to be done at all levels during this academic year, which continues until July 7th, 2023, and much ground to be made up. The cooperation and collaboration between parents, students, teachers, administrators, staff and executive of the Ministry of Education, and all stakeholders is paramount for the transformation of our Education System, and our recovery from the ravages of the COVID-19 pandemic experience.

As our students continue their educational journey tomorrow, Tuesday September 6th, 2022, let us all work with one purpose- the development of the citizens that will take Trinidad and Tobago on a trajectory of success towards the realization of Vision 2030. The Ministry of Education wishes all students, teachers and principals a productive Academic Year 2022/23, and again extends our warm congratulations to our CSEC and CAPE students.

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