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**News Release:**

## **SCHOOLS RE-OPEN SEPTEMBER 3, 2007**

### **Upgrading & Repair works continue**

The Ministry of Education wishes to advise that of the 621 Public Primary and Secondary schools, 11 were not ready to receive students at the start of the 2007-2008 Academic Year today, Monday, September 3, 2007.

- The Providence Girls' Secondary and Polytechnic Sixth Form School remained closed for cleaning occasioned by the tropical storm that affected that part of the country over the weekend.
- The Chaguanas Junior Secondary and Claxton Bay AC Junior Primary reopen tomorrow, September 4.
- As previously announced three schools -- Exchange R.C., Mucurapo Secondary and Bishop Anstey High Schools - will receive students for teaching and learning on September 10.

The Ministry of Education, facilitated arrangements for the repair and upgrade of 281 schools at an overall cost of \$123 million during the recently completed vacation period. During that time, an additional 40 schools were included in the repair, upgrading and environmental works, bring the total number of schools being upgraded to 321.

Construction works will continue at schools -- on evenings and weekends. This should not interfere with the functioning of the school or compromise the safety of occupants.

Senator Hazel Manning, Minister of Education has extended "the appreciation of the entire Ministry to the contractors, project management consultants, the Boards of Education, Principals and Teachers for their cooperation and support in this move to ensure the upgrading of schools for quality teaching and learning."

She paid tribute to the Education Facilities Company Limited, EFCL; National Maintenance Training and Security Company, MTS; National Insurance Property Development Company, NIPDEC, consultants and contractors for the tremendous effort at repair and upgrading works at the schools.

**STATUS OF THE RE-OPENING OF SCHOOL  
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<b>District</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Comments</b>
Caroni	All school re-opened except: 1) Chaguanas Junior Secondary	Work continues on the school's toilet facilities. School reopens on 4/9/07 on a rotation.
North Eastern	All schools re-opened	
POS & Environs	All schools re-opened except: 1) Diego Martin Secondary 2) Polytechnic Sixth Form 3) Providence Girls' Secondary 4) Bishop Anstey 5) Mucurapo Secondary	No. 1- sewerage system being repaired  Nos. 2 & 3 were affected by the bad weather over the weekend.  Nos. 4 & 5 –repairs continue
St. George East	All schools re-opened	
South Eastern	All schools re-opened except: Libertville TML Primary School	Students were sent home.
St. Patrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Palo Seco Government Primary was not re-opened.</li> <li>• Penal Jr. Sec. opened but experiencing some problems.</li> </ul>	<p>Meeting held with Parent-Teacher Association to seek solutions.</p> <p>Work continues on sewer system</p>
Victoria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Claxton Bay AC Jr. Primary</li> <li>• St. Clement Vedic is experiencing problems</li> </ul>	<p>Contractor worked on toilet last night. School will re-open as usual tomorrow.</p> <p>School will be closed at 11a.m. today and will remain closed for a couple of days.</p>

3<sup>rd</sup> September 2007.