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News Release

Status on Mucurapo Secondary, La Fillette & Palo Seco Primary Schools

Mucurapo (Junior) Secondary School

A team from the Ministry of Education, along with the project management firm of MTS and the designated contractors engaged in the upgrading of the Mucurapo (Junior) Secondary School visited the school today, September 12 2007, to reassess construction projects that involve classroom repairs and the erection of a set of pre-built classrooms. The provision of these classrooms is part of the deshifting and conversion project.

Mucurapo (Junior) Secondary School, one of the six schools being deshifted and converted this year and scheduled to reopen on September 3, 2007 will now re-open on a date to be announced. This is as a result of setback and delays by the construction team.

A contingency plan which is part of the deshifting and conversion project will be put into operation to ensure the minimum loss of time while the pre-built classrooms are being erected. An estimated completion date for the pre-built classrooms will be become available after the assessment is made. Students and Parents will be informed of the re-opening date for this school both through the Parent-Teacher Association and the News Media.

La Fillette RC School

Senator Hazel Manning and a team of senior Ministry of Education personnel met with a delegation of parents and teachers of the La Fillette RC school at the Ministry's Administrative Offices, St. Clair on Monday, September 10, 2007. Ms. Mennen Walker-Briggs, a member of the Catholic Education Board attended the meeting.

There was unanimous agreement that, as a temporary measure, students of the Standard One to Five classes will be relocated to the Blanchisseuse High School. Infants and teachers will continue their teaching and learning at the existing location. School Supervisors will meet with the teachers and parents at the La Fillette RC School on Friday, September 14 at 9:30 a.m.

Palo Seco Government Primary School

The Palo Seco Government Primary School will be temporarily located by request of parents at its original site along the Southern Main Road, Palo Seco.

Parents met with a team from the Ministry of Education last Thursday, September 6, 2007 and agreed to the following:-

1. To re-set the re-opening date for the school to Monday, September 17 2007.
2. Representatives of the Ministry of Education, PETROTRIN and contractors will evaluate the existing site and two other locations.
3. School Supervisors from the Education District will continue to monitor operations of this school at the present location as a temporary solution meant to prevent any further loss of teaching and learning.

- 4. Accommodation is currently being prepared at Beach Camp, Palo Seco. The estimated wait time for this accommodation is 4 – 5 weeks. The school will then move from the present location to this site while the new school is being built.**

- 5. Architectural design for the new school is completed and tender documents are being prepared. The new school, to be sited on the original location of the Palo Seco Government Primary School, is expected to be completed in 2009.**

- 6. School Supervisors, Student Support Service personnel and Employee Assistance personnel are being deployed to these schools to assure relief and support during the present challenges.**

The Ministry of Education sincerely regrets the inconvenience.

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