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## **TEACHERS PREPARE FOR START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR, 2007-2008**

The Ministry of Education wishes to remind the teaching staff of all schools that they are to report for duty on August 29 and 30, 2007 as has been the established practice over the years. As part of the preparatory exercises for the commencement of the school year, the teachers will be engaged in the following exercises:

- a. Planning at both Administrative and Curriculum levels
  - Review of the performance of the school over the past year
  - Renewal of understandings of Vision, expectations, objectives and targets for the academic year
  - Review of strategies to overcome anticipated challenges
  - Structuring of a School Development Plan
- b. Allocation of duties and responsibilities by the Principal
- c. Implementation of induction programmes for teachers
- d. Detailing of the school's calendar of events for the New Year

In a message to all Students, School Supervisors, Principals and Teachers, the Director of School Supervision, Mr. Roland R. Maharaj extends best wishes for a pleasant and productive school year, 2007-2008. Mr. Maharaj expressed the hope that this will be a “better and more inspiring academic year for each student and that school and learning will be a memorable and joyful experience of discovery, hope, achievement, trust, respect and wonder.”

Mr. Maharaj requested School Principals to submit to the School Supervisor by September 14, a Plan of Activities for the school year. The Plan of Activities must demonstrate “a clear unity and seriousness of purpose in making special requests for seminars, principal holidays, field trips – especially field trips abroad - sporting occasions, ceremonies and other non-routine activity. Principals are requested to plan in such a way as to maximize high quality contact time for students, taking the time to constantly monitor and evaluate the on-going results.”

As the country works its way towards developed country status, Principals are reminded that they are the key agents of this historical process and that actual contact between teacher and student remains a significant point of leverage for learning and preparing the nation to effect meaningful change.

Term One in this School Year extends from September 3, 2007 to December 14, 2007. Term Two extends from January 7 to March 20, 2008 and Term three from April 7 2008 to July 4, 2008.

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