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Ministry of Education request early voting for 25 students writing CAPE

The Minister of Education has written to the Elections and Boundaries Commission asking the EBC to give consideration to early voting for 25 students who are writing the Caribbean Advanced Proficiency Exam (CAPE) and who are old enough to vote in the May 24th general elections.

The Minister's decision to write to the Chief Elections Officer follows extensive checks that revealed of the 1329 students writing CAPE on Election Day, 25 students are over the age of 18.

It is not clear how many of the 25 students are actually registered to vote.

Furthermore, only 35 students are carded to write the Caribbean Secondary Education Certificate Examinations (CSEC) on that day and none of the CSEC students are over the age of 18. The only CSEC subject being written on that day is Religious Education 2.

The Minister of Education has stated in the past that she will do what is necessary to ensure that the CAPE and CSEC exams are not negatively impacted by the general election and has gone further by writing to the EBC asking consideration to be given to the affected students to make it easier for them to exercise their franchise.