# MINISTRY of EDUCATION YOUTH & INFORMATION

### General

"Every Child Can Learn... Every Child Must Learn"

## ATTENTION: REGIONAL DIRECTORS, SCHOOL BOARD CHAIRMEN AND PRINCIPALS OF ALL PUBLIC EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

## SUBJECT: PROCESS TO BE ENGAGED CONCERNING THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND WELLNESS COVID INSPECTIONS

#### Dear Colleagues,

The Ministry of Education, Youth and Information (MoEYI) wishes to commend our educators for the tremendous effort expended to ensure that learning continues for all our students despite the disruptions caused by the pandemic.

As you are already aware, the Ministry has commenced the phased resumption of face-to-face instructions since November 10, 2020. All schools are required to be approved as low-risk and COVID-19 compliant before approval can be granted for the school to offer face-to-face instructions. Against this background,

we seek to remind school administrators of the process to be engaged to ensure that the health inspections are conducted in an efficient manner by the Ministry of Health and Wellness. Kindly be guided accordingly:

#### **Inspection Process**

- 1. Locate the COVID-19 Self-assessment Checklist that was previously shared (see the attached for ease of reference).
- 2. Evaluate the readiness of the school guided by the checklist. This should help the school to know if the appropriate measures are in place to be approved as COVID-19 compliant.
- 3. Where applicable, the identified gaps from completing the checklist should be addressed. Where help is needed from the Ministry to fully address the gaps, this should be requested through the Regional Office.
- 4. Once all identified gaps or key areas have been addressed, the health inspector for the parish should be contacted and an appointment arrived at for the school inspection to be competed.
- 5. At the end of the school inspection, the Health Inspector will provide an Institutional Health Report and a COVID-19 Compliance Report. The results of the school inspection should guide the school administrator on other gaps to be addressed and a new date for re-inspection determined.
- 6. On the other hand, if the school inspection report is satisfactory, the school administrator should send a request to the Ministry, through their regional

#### office, for approval to include face to face instructions supported by

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evidence of a satisfactory COVID compliant status and a satisfactory Institutional Health Report.

7. The Ministry will evaluate the school based on the risk-ranking analysis and provide feedback on how the school should proceed as well as provide the requisite support towards the resumption of face to face learning.

Kindly be reminded that the Ministry of Health and Wellness (MoHW) COVID-19 protocols are critical to the health and safety of all our stakeholders and should never be compromised. Also, school administrators are required to initiate contact with the Health Inspectors for the school inspections to be done.

For additional information or queries, please do not hesitate to contact the Parish Health Inspectors at the following numbers:

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