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### **VACATION REPAIR PROGRAMME 2017**

The July/August Vacation Repair Programme (VRP) 2017 successfully concluded with thousands of students reentering their Schools for the start of the new School term. This year's VRP encompassed one hundred forty two Schools (142) throughout the country and included a full range of works, including electrical, plumbing, roof works, painting, sewer works, etc.

The Programme had its fair share of challenges. However, through close monitoring of sites and contractors Education Facilities Company Limited (EFCL) was able to successfully ensure that all Schools reopened. Where works were not completed the respective Project Managers worked collaboratively with the Principals to ensure that the School reopened, with a plan to conclude works on a phased basis. This ensured that students were able to return to their places of learning at the start of the new School term.

EFCL continues to work diligently to foster good working relationships with School Principals, some of whom viewed the jobs completed with a degree of satisfaction. In this connection, Principal of the ASJA Girls' College – Tunapuna, Mrs. Rabia Mohammed-Khan said, "We are very grateful to the Ministry of Education and EFCL for the construction of a roof at our school. We were pleased with the professionalism of the contractor and the monitoring of the work by EFCL and Education Facilities Planning and Procurement Division". We sensed the commitment and concern of the Chairman of EFCL, Board members and other EFCL officials after meeting with them during a site visit to our school on a Sunday afternoon. The Minister of Education met last year with members of the ASJA Board and PTA and listened to our concerns for the safety of our students. They promised to address the issue and have kept that promise."

At the Aranguez Government Primary School, EFCL encountered grave challenges that made the reopening of School seem almost impossible. These seemingly insurmountable challenges were overcome. At EFCL we fully endorse the words of Principal Ashton Kerr when he said, "I would say that a miracle happened here for this School to successfully reopen on the first day of the new term." This School is one example of where works will be completed on a phased basis so as to not disrupt the smooth operations of the facility.

EFCL continues to work towards the fulfillment of its mandate in support of the Ministry of Education and to providing a safe, comfortable learning environment for teachers to teach and students to learn.

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Principal of Aranguez Government Primary School Mr. Ashton Kerr greets Mr. William Roberts, Senior Manager – Technical Service Unit of EFCL



Principal of ASJA Girls' College - Tunapuna, Ms. Rabia Mohammed-Khan welcomes the Chairman of EFCL – Mr. Ricardo Vasquez to assess works at her School