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Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn shared a moment with students from the Denham Town High School in Kingston today (November 3) after presenting them with tablets donated by e-Learning Jamaica. Chief Executive Officer of e-Learning Jamaica, Andrew Lee (left), Councillor for West Kingston, Jermaine Hyatt (right) and Chief Technical Director in the Ministry of National Security, Shauna Trowers, also participated in the handing over ceremony.

ISSS plays a critical role to create safer and prosperous communities-Minister Cuthbert-Flynn

The Inter-Ministerial School Support Strategy (ISSS) plays a critical role in the Government's thrust to create safer and more prosperous communities, says Minister of State in the Ministry of National Security, the Hon. Juliet Cuthbert-Flynn.

The State Minister was speaking at the Handing over Ceremony of tablets to schools that are located within the Zones of Special Operations (ZOSO) communities, at the Denham Town High School in Kingston on Friday, November 3.

“The Ministry of National Security and e-Learning Jamaica's collaborative efforts have opened the doors for providing further resources (tablets) for the betterment of 90 students,” Minister Cuthbert-Flynn said.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn noted that there are a significant number of students that lacked access to the necessary technological resources for their educational needs.



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“Our dedicated MNS case managers have worked with the respective schools to identify students in need of services that would improve their behaviour and academic performance,” she said while expressing gratitude to the case management officers.

She further added that the Government is committed to enhancing the educational journey for students and that the devices are **“critical keys to unlocking a world of knowledge and opportunities”**.

“Use these devices wisely, not only to do well academically, but also to foster innovation, communication, and personal growth,” Minister Cuthbert-Flynn urged.

The Minister expressed gratitude to e-Learning Jamaica for its donation and to the Ministry of Education and Youth for its commitment and unwavering support.

Minister Cuthbert-Flynn said that she hopes the tablets empower the students to persevere and excel and that more students will benefit from the partnership.

“We are aware that there are more case managed students in need of tablets and we hope that this partnership will be able to assist them. The success of the Inter-Ministerial School Support Strategy is a testament to what we can achieve through collaboration and dedication”, Minister Cuthbert-Flynn stated.

Thirty-four primary and high schools located in, or served by the seven ZOSO communities across Kingston, St. Andrew, St. James and Westmoreland will benefit from the tablet donations.

In 2022, the MNS initiated discussions with e-Learning Jamaica about possible support to the ISSS in the form of tablets to students attending the schools involved in the Strategy.

The case management framework involves MNS case managers working with the respective schools to identify students in need of services that will improve their behaviour and academic performance.

