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The Cabinet, chaired by the Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño, met in regular session on 18th October 2022.

- Cabinet received an update from the Minister of Education on the CDB Belize Education Sector Reform Program II. The program is entering a new phase which will see the construction and retrofitting of 27 schools across the country. Importantly, this phase of the program will include the rehabilitation and retrofitting of Stella Maris School and the Leo Bradley and Turton libraries in Belize City.
- Cabinet reviewed the approved Work Program for 2022/23 and accepted two concept notes for the development of project proposals through the Millennium Challenge Corporation (MCC) for the Education and Energy sectors.
- Cabinet received an update from the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy, Logistics & E-Governance on the plan for the transformation and modernization to a digital government. The National Digital Agenda is a part of the government's commitment to becoming a more open, efficient, and effective government and is in partial fulfilment of Plan Belize.
- Cabinet approved the supplementary Capital II budget appropriations for BZ\$734,000 to support the work of NEMO, through its Operations Center, to replace materials and supplies critical to its efforts during national emergencies.
- Cabinet endorsed the list of public and bank holidays for 2023 submitted by the Minister of Home Affairs & New Growth Industries in accordance with Section 3 of the First and Second Schedules to the Holiday Act.
- Finally, Cabinet congratulates the young Belizean students from Belize High School who won a gold medal at the FIRST Global Challenge International Robotics Competition in Geneva, Switzerland.

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