

# *Cuba prepares to restart the school year, but no date set*

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Havana, April 29 (RHC)-- Although no date has yet been set, Cuba is preparing to resume the school year, which was suspended on March 20th, said Education Minister Ena Elsa Velázquez.

Appearing on the prime time TV program Mesa Redonda, she explained that after the return to the classrooms, eight weeks will be needed to complete it and prepare for the 2020-2021 school year. She referred to how this period will be used in primary, secondary, pedagogical, artistic, sports, technical-professional and skilled workers' education.

The eight weeks mentioned will be used to systematize the knowledge in the students, supervised by teachers to the students to whom practical work was oriented and to those who will take reevaluation exams.

They will also follow up on students who have no expired teaching goals and who are repeating their primary education, as well as consolidating knowledge for young people who will be taking entrance exams for higher education.

The Minister of Education stressed that the school year was 70 percent overdue when classes had to be suspended to avoid contagion from the new coronavirus. She referred to various forms of evaluation that will take place at the end of the current school year in the different levels and specialties of education, ranging from control work, seminars and the grades obtained up to March 20, among other modalities that

will take into account the fulfillment of teaching objectives and the changes required by the scourge of COVID-19.

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