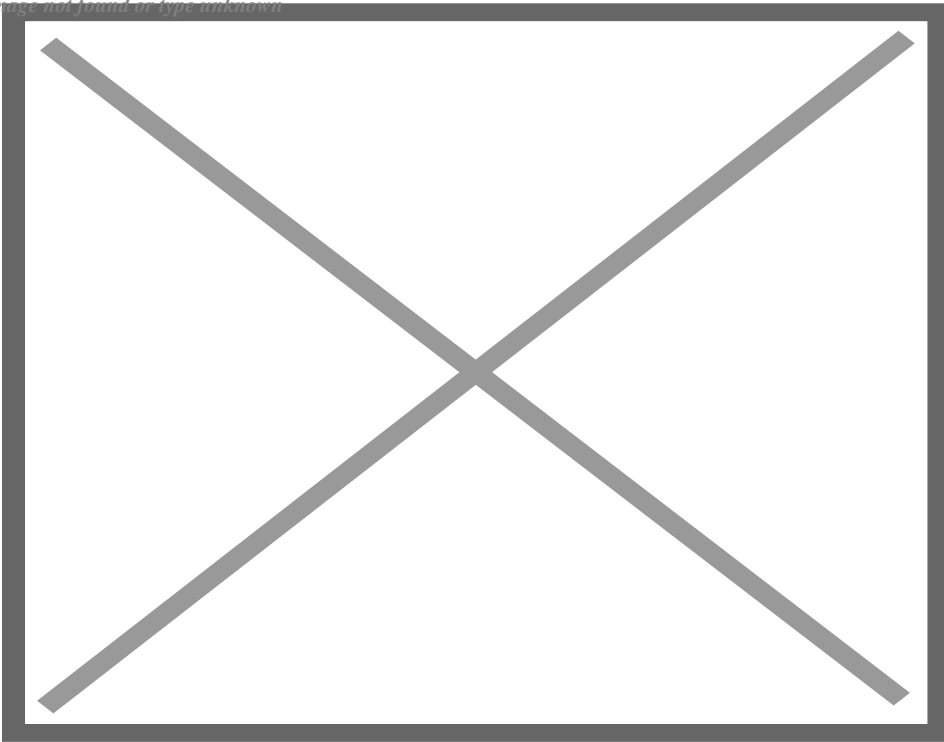


# *Cuban president checks preparations for new school year which begins Monday*

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Havana, August 29 (RHC)-- The First Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Cuba and President of the Republic, Miguel Díaz-Canel led this Wednesday the analysis of the preparations for the 2024-2025 school year.

The meeting discussed the main problems and potentialities of the sector, such as the material assurance of the course, and difficulties in the distribution and commercialization of school uniforms, the latter issue that the Cuban president directed to resolve with the greatest immediacy.

It was reported that despite the economic problems that the country is going through, free access to education is guaranteed for nearly two million Cuban children, adolescents and young people.

According to the Minister of Education, Naima Trujillo, this will be a difficult course, but nothing will prevent more than 1.6 million students from attending classes under the principle of universality and free education.

“Almost no country, not only in the region, can claim that,” the official said on national television, highlighting the demands in the economic sphere and the purpose of achieving the required quality in the process and reaching all young people.

Among the novel aspects of this course is the arrival in the country, thanks to international cooperation, of a large part of the textbooks that will accompany the third improvement of general education in Cuba.

One of the issues to highlight in the midst of the complexities is that it is one of the courses best secured with bibliography (textbooks, workbooks and laminars), as well as other teaching materials.

To the 1.6 million students of general education are added the 240 thousand who this year are enrolled in higher or university education. (Source: Prensa Latina)

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