

# Belize National Teachers' Union



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It has come to the attention of the general membership of the Belize National Teachers' Union (BNTU) that the Minister of Education, Honourable Patrick Faber has reported, in an interview aired on Love FM midday news on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, that based on an informal discussion with the Prime Minister, Honourable Dean Barrow, the Unions have accepted and are happy with the most recent report on the Salary Adjustment, given by the PM, at a meeting held on Thursday January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

The representatives of our Union who participated in the meeting would like to make the position clear that we attended that meeting for an update on three key points of interest to the Unions:

1. Our letter to the Prime Minister dated October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2013, seeking an audience to discuss the Salary Adjustment proposal
2. An update on revenue performance as of December 2013 and a forecast for the last quarter of the fiscal year.
3. To solidify the possibly of a floor as was requested in the salary adjustment counter proposal.

The Prime Minister graciously presented the updates requested and it was expressed that the information would be passed on to membership. At "**no point in time,**" during the course of that meeting, did ANY member of our Team present express acceptance or delight in the report. We therefore wish to express our dissatisfaction with the statements made to the media by the Honourable Minister Faber and inform our membership and the general public that the Joint Unions will, in due time, make public our take on the information presented at the meeting of January 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014.

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*Motto: Service, Security, Success*