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### TEACHERS MUST BE FULLY QUALIFIED TO TEACH AS OF 2016

The Belize National Teachers' Union (BNTU) wishes to remind and advise our membership and the general teaching populace to take keen notice that:

- a. if you are NOT currently in possession of a FULL teaching license;
- b. if you currently hold a PROVISIONAL teaching license issued before 2011 and that is only valid until 2016;
- c. if you currently hold a PROVISIONAL teaching license and you are NOT enrolled in a course of study to upgrade your license to FULL;

You will be in violation of Section 29(9) of the Education and Training Act of 2010 in the year 2016. You will therefore be issued notice by the Ministry of Education which will in effect restrict you from teaching in any classroom in the country of Belize until you obtain the necessary qualifications for a full license.

The Ministry of Education issued several memorandums which spoke to having only fully qualified teachers in our classrooms and to the adherence of the provisions contained in the Education and Training Act. In actuality, teachers were given ample opportunities and extensions and constantly reminded by your Union to upgrade and become fully qualified.

While the BNTU supports the actions of the Ministry of Education to have fully qualified teaching staffs in our schools; we will however, fight the cause of our members who can prove that they are taking the necessary steps to fully qualify themselves. We take this opportunity to remind ALL teachers of the upcoming restriction and implementation of the abovementioned provisions of the law.

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*Motto: Service, Security, Success*