



Union Vibes

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Message from the Desk of the General Secretary

The St. Lucia Teachers' Union (SLTU) wishes all members a happy and prosperous 2023.

As we navigate through this new year, we will continue to monitor the Education climate, keeping in mind the sacrifices that you always make for the nation's children. We are also cognizant of the challenges that you face on a daily basis. We are very confident that you will perform with the highest degree of professionalism and together we can deal with the issues confronting our education system.

We pledge to provide you with updates on our discussions with the Ministry of Education and all other initiatives of the organization.

May God continue to bless you and may you have a very productive second term.

Long live the SLTU.

Chantal S. Peter
General Secretary



Update on matters with the Ministry Of Education



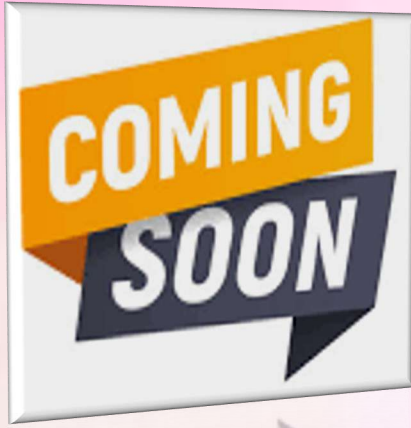
Meeting with the Ministry of Education

The St. Lucia Teachers' union (SLTU) requested a meeting with the Ministry of Education (MOE) so that the organization could receive updates on outstanding matters, and place additional concerns on the table. The meeting took place on Thursday, January 4, 2023.

The following matters were discussed:

- School Security – The SLTU continues to lobby for improvement in the security measures at schools. The SLTU urged the MOE to implement concrete plans to deal with security issues. The MOE has promised a meeting in a few weeks to develop a strategy for school security.
- Structural issues at schools – the SLTU expressed its frustration with some of the structural issues at schools. The MOE provided an update of the works ongoing and completed. The SLTU made it clear that health and safety must be handled expeditiously.
- Memo of sugar Beverages – The SLTU raised concerns about this memo and the MOE gave the assurance that the memo will be revisited.
- School Discipline – The SLTU urged the MOE to provide support to teachers to assist in dealing with student indiscipline. Some schools were identified for urgent intervention.
- Concessions for Teachers – The MOE promised to provide some clarity on the matter soon.

The SLTU informed the MOE that some developmental matters for the education system must be discussed. Some of the routine matters are issues the Ministry should have put proper structures in place to address. In the view of the SLTU, it is time to discuss the holistic development of the education system with some focus given to SALCC, Opportunities for Teacher Professional Development, MOE Post-Secondary Program in Vieux Fort, the Strategic Plan for the education system and the Centers of Excellence being created.



CUT Les Harris Cricket

The CUT will be holding the 2023 Les Harris Cricket Competition in April 2023. More information will be shared regarding SLTU participation.

Zonal / Branch Engagement on SLTU Insurance

The SLTU Insurance agent will be discussing the Insurance plan with members during this term. Look out for more information on meetings scheduled for your zone / branch.

The SLTU would like to thank all teachers who participated in and supported the activities during term One.



Some of these activities include: Teachers' week, Shop Steward Training, Futsal and Christmas Party.

