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CPO Meets with TTUTA Executive to Address Key Issues for Teachers

September 27, 2024 – The Chief Personnel Officer (CPO), Commander Dr. Daryl Dindial, convened with the Executive of the **Trinidad and Tobago Unified Teachers' Association (TTUTA)** to discuss several critical issues affecting teachers in the education sector. Key topics included updates on the **UNIMED Group** health plan, training on Leave Classification for teachers in Tobago, allowance for marking **School-Based Assessments (SBAs)** and the commitment of another a tripartite meeting with the **Ministry of Education (MoE)** to address outstanding matters specifically concerning teachers, in late October 2024.

The CPO also noted that the **MoE** has expressed its continued willingness to address the issue of Leave Classification for teachers in the Teaching Service in Tobago. He highlighted the necessity of providing training on **Leave Classification**. Commander Dindial confirmed that this training will also be extended to **Administrators** at the **Tobago House of Assembly** to provide a clear understanding of the **Leave Classification** process. He added, this initiative is expected to reduce discrepancies in leave applications, thereby streamlining the process and minimising disputes over payments and loss of earnings.

Other critical issues discussed included the delay of **National Insurance Board (NIB)** retirement benefits to retired teachers, the appointment of teachers with degree qualifications to substantive positions and the submission of recommendations to the MoE to review recommendations submitted by **TTUTA** for the assessment of **ACCA** and pedagogy issues.

Commander Dindial acknowledged **TTUTA's Executive** for their continued leadership, perseverance and unwavering advocacy on behalf of teachers. He noted that the State is aware and grateful of the invaluable contributions of teachers in building a resilient education system and shaping the development of the nation's youth.

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