



## **DIVISION OF EDUCATION, RESEARCH & TECHNOLOGY**

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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

### **Remaining Disbursement of Tobago Teachers' Backpay**

**The Division of Education, Research & Technology (DERTech)** wishes to advise that outstanding backpay was paid to seventy percent (70%) of eligible teachers on or before December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2023, owing to the dedication and commitment of our staff who went above and beyond the call of duty throughout the holiday season.

Although the initial deadline was set with the best of intentions, it became evident that more time was needed to achieve the level of accuracy required for this significant task. DERTech is therefore recommitted to fulfilling its obligation to the remaining teachers, and is on track to complete the entire process by the end of this month. It is noteworthy that the payments for retirees are also nearing completion.

The Division sincerely appreciates the understanding and patience demonstrated by our teachers during this tedious process. Teachers who have questions or concerns about their backpay are encouraged to make contact with us via email: [salaries.unit@thadert.gov.tt](mailto:salaries.unit@thadert.gov.tt) or to call or message our **Backpay Help Desk on 868-299-0781 ext. 3020, 868-474-9595 or 868-708-3549.**

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