

## PUBLIC SERVICE UNION OF BELIZE CIRCULAR 4 OF 2021 May 24, 2021

Greetings to our fellow members of the Public Service Union of Belize.

The Public Service Union of Belize (PSU) takes this opportunity to update its general membership and fellow public officers on the ongoing Industrial Actions, as a result of the current trade dispute between the Government of Belize (GOB) and the PSU. The PSU, in its latest survey and membership consultation held over the weekend of May 22-24, 2021, affirms that we will continue with the ongoing strike action. Of the respondents, ninety-two (92%) agreed to keep the trade dispute and sixty-five (65%) agreed to continued strike action.

Membership, remains resolved in its decision to continue with the strike action, to push for Good Governance (including full implementation of UNCAC), tax reform, and no salary cut or proper and adequate compensation thereof. We take this opportunity to note that an overwhelming expression of interest has been given by private citizens, and organizations, proposing the holding of a telethon. This telethon will assist public officers and teachers who are currently engaged in strike action, with a small financial contribution considering GOB's threats to cut salaries for both public officers and teachers who are exercising their right to strike. We will be sharing the details of the telethon as soon as more information becomes available and a date and time is provided.

For those members and public officers not participating in the strike, we encourage you to continue support the Union by engaging in industrial actions such as go slow and work to rule which includes refusing to work any overtime. The Union is only as strong as its members as such we need each and every one of your support to ensure we get justice for the economic injustice being levied upon public officers and the economy of Belize.

In closing, the PSU, recognizes and congratulates all public officers and teachers who are on the grounds every day, to support and engage in the strike action. We continue to stand together in solidarity for the remainder of this cause.

UNITY IN STRENGTH, SOLIDARITY FOREVER!

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