

Drs. Rodolphe Samuel  
 Minister of Education, Culture, Youth and Sports  
 Government of Sint Maarten  
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 Sint Maarten



June 29, 2022

Subject: Urgent Meeting request with Subsidized School Boards

Dear Honorable Minister Drs. Samuel,

The undersigned representatives of the subsidized School Boards, herewith request an urgent meeting with your person.

The Government of Sint Maarten has executed the vacation allowance payment to civil servants, and teachers in the public sector (Public Education). This action, by the Government of Sint Maarten, is deemed unlawful against the backdrop of the current laws - approved by Parliament on the Cost Cutting measures and has created inequity within the Education sector.

The core objective of the meeting will be to address, amongst others, the following:

1. The Cost-Cutting Measures laws, and the letters of instructions issued to the School Boards
2. Calculation of the 12.5% cost-cutting per school board - and the Government's non-response
3. 12.5% reduction on the structural subsidy - timeline and expectations
4. Government's expectations and responsibilities - vacation allowance
5. Liability and risks - associated with the payout of the vacation allowance

Given the matter at hand and the urgency that it presents for the well-being of our team members and the definite impact on the quality of education, we request the meeting to be held no later than ultimately July 8, 2022.

We look forward to a response from the Government, through your person, soonest.

Yours in Education,

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