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PRESS RELEASE - IN-SERVICE TRAINING FOR TEACHERS

The Minister for Education Honourable Premila Kumar recently announced that teachers would be given leave with pay to complete the final semester of their studies.

Perhaps she is unaware that previously, teachers, who completed 50% of the course, were eligible to apply for in-service training with full pay. The tuition fee was also included in the award.

This provision, I believe was removed over a decade ago as a cost cutting measure, similar to the removal of the 854 executive teacher positions in primary schools as well as the 28 counsellor positions in secondary schools.

The executive teachers were senior members of the staff who assisted in improving teaching /learning and mentoring new entrants to the profession.

These executive teachers had spent around two decades in the teaching profession and had a distinguished career as a teacher.

The removal of the executive teacher and counselor positions in schools has had a negative effect on the delivery of quality education and addressing deviant behavior in students.

The Fiji Teachers Union is of the firm belief that the only way to improve the standard of teaching / learning is to reinstate all these provisions which were put in place after thorough research and wide consultations.

There are 13000 plus teachers in the service and there has to be adequate allocation of funds for in-service training. A mere one semester award is not sufficient.

The Union is once again urging MEHA to do the needful and do justice to those who need to complete their qualification.

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