

# FAIR WAGES AND SALARIES COMMISSION

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### PRESS RELEASE

### GOVERNMENT CONTINUES TO SHOW GOOD FAITH TOWARDS PRE-TERTIARY TEACHER UNIONS (GNAT, NAGRAT, CCT) IN THE PUBLIC SECTOR

Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC) has sighted a news item by some media outlets where three (3) Teacher Unions (i.e. GNAT, NAGRAT and CCT) have declared an indefinite nationwide strike. The Teacher Unions are concerned about the delay in negotiations of their Conditions of Service.

FWSC wishes to categorically state that there has not been any delay in the negotiations. We, however, wish to respond to the concern raised by the Teacher Unions as follows:

- 1. At the meeting held with the Teacher Unions on 20<sup>th</sup> January 2024, the Government Team was able to reach an agreement with the Teacher Unions on ten (10) out of the sixteen (16) items submitted for negotiations.
- 2. FWSC indicated that there was the need to secure further mandate from the Ministry of Finance on the outstanding items in order to conclude negotiations with the Teacher Unions, to which they agreed.
- 3. Subsequently, FWSC extended an invitation to the Teacher Unions on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2024 for a meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to continue and possibly conclude the negotiations. (See attached invitation letter)
- 4. FWSC went further to contact some leaders of the Teacher Unions as part of preparations towards the meeting on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, 2024. There was no indication, whatsoever, of their intention not to be available for further engagement.
- 5. So therefore, without serving the required notice to embark on a strike, contrary to the relevant provisions of the Labour Act, 2003 (Act 651) and the Rules of Engagement signed with the Teacher Unions, they have indeed embarked on an indefinite strike, which action we deem as a show of bad faith.
- 6. FWSC wishes to, therefore, appeal to the leadership of the Teacher Unions and their Members to call off the strike immediately and come back to the negotiating table to continue with the engagement in good faith.

Thank you.

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Dear Sir/Madam,

### **INVITATION TO A MEETING**

Fair Wages and Salaries Commission (FWSC) respectfully invites the leadership of the Ghana National Association of Teachers (GNAT) and the underlisted stakeholders to a meeting as per the details below:

Date:

Thursday, 21st March, 2024

Time:

10:00am

Venue:

**MoE Conference Room** 

Agenda:

**Negotiations** 

Thank you.

HIEF EXECUTIVE
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Yours faithfully,

BENJAMIN ARTHUR (ING.)

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

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