

Barbados Secondary Teachers' Union

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Clarification of Matters related to Alexandra School

Dear Mr. King,

The Barbados Secondary Teachers' Union has taken note of the comments passed by you at the short and hastily arranged meeting on the afternoon of 31st August, 2012, remarks subsequently supplemented by your brief telephone conversation (King/Robinson) the following day.

The Union records that no assurances whatsoever were given by you in respect of the conduct of Mr. Jeffrey Broomes, Principal of the Alexandra School, either towards this Union or in relation to any of its members at the Alexandra School.

The Union reiterates that it reserves its position and shall consult with its membership on the implications of the extension of the life of the Commission of Enquiry, and your consequential requests as expressed to the Union. However, if the Union is to represent faithfully for the consideration of its membership the requests made of it by you, then there must be clarification of the context in which you hope those requests would be honoured. You will appreciate that the sentiments you have expressed thus far have been vague and imprecise, and thus unsatisfactory. The Union therefore asks formally that it be supplied in writing, and without delay, answers to the following questions which are relevant in the circumstances:

Upon whose direction and instruction was the meeting of 31st August, 2012 called?

Which individuals by name and/or office shall constitute the committee, however styled, which the Union understands from you is to oversee the management of the Alexandra School. 3. What are the specific functions, powers, authority, duties, responsibilities, terms of reference

intended start date and intended life of the above mentioned committee?

