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Subject: IT Situation in schools - ultimatum

Dear Dr Fabri,

MUT is communicating formally to express its dismay at the dire situation regarding IT in schools. The union is highlighting this situation after its complaints to the respective directorates were dismissed. The following is the situation. Educators were directed by the Ministry to use technology in schools, so much so that they changed the teaching methods, material and resources to be used on the Interactive Whiteboards, Virtual learning environments etc. However reports from the majority of schools indicate that:

- Bulbs for interactive whiteboards are not being provided leaving educators without this device.
- Updates in Virtual learning environments are resulting in teachers unable to use features of the platform.
- The contractor of tablets is changing the terms and imposing duties on SMT- this issue is currently being tackled with Mr Cachia.
- The procurement process of new laptops was not carried out leading to new educators and those who need replacement of laptops without this essential tool
- Schools are migrating from one provider to another resulting in lack of connectivity to wi-fi.
- We also have information that when there is no internet, telephone lines are malfunctioning as well.

This catastrophic situation was brought about due to the lack of respect towards the work of educators and the lack of action when MUT has flagged situations. MUT shall wait until Monday 28th following which it shall direct members. Thanks.

Regards

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