

ABSTRACT

An Investigation into Teacher Morale at a Government Secondary School in the St. George East Educational District

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This study investigated six teachers' perceptions of the state of teacher morale at a government secondary school in Trinidad and Tobago. Data were collected through interviews. The findings revealed that four of the teachers perceived teacher morale to be low, while two opined that it was at a moderate level. All the participants, however, cited student-related issues and a lack of support as determinants of teacher morale. The study produced seven themes: 1) student-related issues, 2) administrative issues, 3) poor communication, 4) school leadership, 5) lack of support, 6) poor handling of indiscipline, and 7) poor working conditions.

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