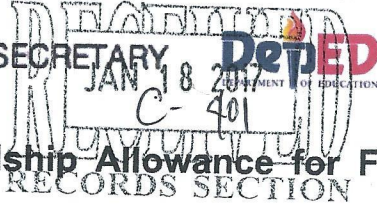


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DepEd to release remaining Special Hardship Allowance for FY 2016

PASIG CITY, January 18, 2017 – Teachers assigned to multigrade classes, mobile teachers, and Alternative Learning System (ALS) coordinators are set to receive their respective special hardship allowances (SHA) after Department of Education (DepEd) Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones approved today the issuance of Sub-Allotment to Regions/Operating Units (Sub-ARO) for the downloading of additional SHA fund to cover the deficiencies in the initial release for fiscal year (FY) 2016 to the Regional Offices.

The incoming SHA covers a total of 14,896 recipient schools (for Teachers Assigned in Hardship Posts and Multigrade Classes) and 2,395 recipient school districts and community learning centers (CLCs) (for Mobile and ALS Teachers).

The Department requested the SHA, amounting to P977,405,080, from the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) on November 8, 2016 to cover the deficiency in compensation to teachers exposed to hardship or difficulty in the place of work, computed based on the guidelines in the DBM National Budget Circular No. 514, series of 2007.

On December 29, 2016, DBM issued and released a Special Allotment Release Order (SARO) in the mentioned amount and with specific purpose to cover the payment of the additional SHA. The regions set to receive the SHA for multigrade, mobile, and ALS teachers are Regions 1, 2, 3, 4-A, 4-B, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, Cordillera Administrative Region (CAR), and National Capital Region (NCR).

DepEd is working with DBM to review and update the Special Hardship Allowance guidelines to be more responsive to the current needs of teachers assigned in hardship posts, which will be for implementation in FY 2017.

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