



## DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION | OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

### OFFICIAL STATEMENT

### **On the grant of additional honoraria for poll workers who rendered extended hours during the Elections**

May 29, 2022 – The Department of Education (DepEd) welcomes the approval of the Commission on Elections (COMELEC) on granting additional honoraria for select teachers for their extended service during the 2022 National and Local Elections last May 9.

DepEd, through Secretary Leonor Magtolis Briones and Election Task Force Chair and Undersecretary for Administration Alain Del B. Pascua, immediately coordinated with COMELEC on its proposal of providing appropriate and just compensation for teachers who rendered extended hours in the elections due to vote counting machine (VCM) and SD card issues.

In a COMELEC order, poll workers will receive an additional Php 2000 honoraria across the board. Although it is lesser from our original proposal of Php 3000, the Department is grateful to the Commission for listening to our plea for our teachers' welfare.

Moving forward, DepEd is keen to work with COMELEC and Congress to institute more beneficial poll-related provisions for our teachers who have always been committed to protect the sanctity of the Filipino vote.

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