

SALARY INCREASE FOR TEACHERS, HOW SOON IS SOON?

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“My mother is a public school teacher. I know her struggles. I will raise the teachers’ salary.” - PRRD

President Rodrigo Roa Duterte (PRRD) made a promise of increasing the salary of teachers in line with proper standards but it’ll be after the doubling of salaries of PNP, BFP, AFP, and other uniformed personnel for security purposes. It was already done, two long years ago. And the teachers are now effervescing and frothing to when the vowed and swore salary increase for DepEd personnel would materialize. How soon is soon, Mr. President?

The twenty thousand pesos per month salary is insufficient for teachers who selflessly render services to their students and other stakeholders who are mostly monetary underprivileged, without anything to feed their empty stomach, whom they love, and whom they share their 20 thousand per month salary- altruistically. Twenty thousand pesos as entry-level income for beginning teachers is not enough to spend for the basic needs of a household with 4 members. It is not even sufficient to spend on leisure or relaxation that a teacher deserves after the burning out session of teaching-learning scheme for 5 days straight.

The last tranche will be ending in 2023. It is when teachers mumble continuously about the promised salary increase. Although President Duterte renewed his promise for the upsurge, Budget Secretary Benjamin Diokno stated that there are not enough funds for the said increase, as it’ll be needing P343.7 Billion. By Mr. Diokno’s statement, Mr. President, how soon is it?

Nevertheless, public school teachers are more than willing to wait for the promised salary rear to transpire and ensue. After all, teachers are always overworked yet underpaid, unappreciated, unacknowledged, and undervalued despite the obvious hardships they face daily. They deserve the most anticipated salary increase, not a small percentage they received from the tranches before. Teachers aren't asking for too much, but just asking for what teachers deserve.

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