

## Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education

REGION III SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF BATAAN



## MESSAGE ON THE 2025 NATIONAL AND LOCAL MIDTERM ELECTIONS

"Voting is the expression of our commitment to ourselves, to one another, to this country, and to the world."

These words by Sharon Salzberg stand as a powerful testament to the importance of our right to vote—especially in choosing the leaders who will steer the future of our beloved Philippines.

As we draw closer to the **National and Local Elections** this May 12, 2025, I speak not only as a public servant but as a fellow Filipino who shares in our collective hopes and dreams for the continuous progress of our Nation. This election is a vital opportunity for each of us to help shape the direction of our country. As members of the education sector, we hold a

deeply meaningful role in this democratic process.

Allow me to begin by extending my highest respect and heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers and non-teaching personnel who will once again serve as members of the Electoral Board and election support staff.

Hindi biro ang tungkulin ng mga guro at kawani sa araw ng halalan.

From the meticulous preparations, ensuring the integrity of the process, to enduring long hours at polling precincts—all to ensure that every Filipino's voice is heard and counted—our teachers' courage, integrity, and unwavering commitment to public service are truly admirable.

Isa kayo sa mga haligi ng demokrasya ng ating Bansa.

To our teachers, and non-teaching personnel, your service goes far beyond the four walls of the classroom and office. On election day, you will stand as guardians of the people's will for a free and fair election and serve as models of integrity for our learners and fellow citizens.

Maraming salamat sa inyong sakripisyo at malasakit para sa bayan.

At the same time, I call on every voter in our communities to exercise both your right and your responsibility—vote and vote wisely. Let us choose leaders who embody proven integrity, genuine concern for the people, and a clear vision to uplift the lives of every Filipino.

Each vote we cast is a choice not just for ourselves, but for future generations. It influences the future of our children's education, the well-being of our fellow citizens, and the development of our schools and communities.

As May 12 approaches, may we also uphold peace, respect, and unity. Let us engage in meaningful dialogue, respect each other's choices, and remain vigilant against misinformation and disinformation.

Let us use our right to vote—wisely and responsibly.

At sama-sama tayong tumulong sa pagbuo ng Bagong Pilipinas!

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