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LECS MEMORANDUM
No. 122, 1987

AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS

To: Regional Directors
Schools Superintendents

1. Relative to the personal observations of the undersigned on the exemplary performance of the teachers during the last elections and the findings of the team from the Information and Publication Service of the Department that conducted a survey on the heroic deeds of our teachers in the May elections, the enclosed open letter to the public school teachers is hereby issued to the field.
2. It is desired that copies of the letter be distributed to the teachers in the region, specially to those who served in the last elections.
3. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.

(SGD.) LOURDES R. GUISMARTIN
Secretary

Incl.:
As stated

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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE PUBLIC SCHOOL TEACHERS FROM SECRETARY
OF EDUCATION, CULTURE AND SPORTS
LOURDES R. QUISONG

Dear Fellow Worker in the Field:

The past sixteen months have been particularly eventful for those of us in education. After the peaceful revolution of February 1986, we found ourselves in the forefront of another struggle: the liberation of our teachers from years of neglect and indifference. Immediately, we set out to increase the salaries of teachers resulting in a 20% increment in 1986 and another 20% in 1987. We hope to fully comply with the provisions of the Magna Carta for Public School Teachers with possible salary increases in the next three years. The New Philippine Constitution also sets the highest priority for education in terms of budgetary allocation and development objectives. We are confident that these will eventually be translated into relevant executive action and legislative measures. We are now in the process of developing a career system for school teachers and administrators that will enhance professional mobility and promotion. We look forward to other similar schemes which will restore teaching to its exalted status in the community and allow us to retain the best and the brightest in the teaching profession.

I wish to take this occasion to congratulate you and our other co-workers in the field for your heroic role in the 1988 elections. Once more, we have demonstrated to the entire nation that educators function best as custodians of public trust. I have been saddened and gravely concerned by allegations of fraud or irregularities raised by certain quarters. However, I am encouraged to note that teachers, singularly and collectively, as well as the Philippine Elementary School Principals Association, have courageously responded to these charges in public. The significant contribution of public school teachers in the overall orderly and clean conduct of the May elections cannot be adequately recognized. Very soon, we will be involved in yet another electoral exercise and I am certain that again, we will come up to the expectations of our people. We must always be vigilant and alert to ensure that the national will is consistently respected and upheld.

From time to time, I hope to update you on the developments at the Central Office. If there is anything that prevents you from functioning at optimum effectiveness, if there is anything we ought to know by way of remedial measures or new undertakings, please let us know. We can only improve the educational system through interactive relationships between the field and Central Office.

(SGD.) LOURDES R. QUISONG
Secretary

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