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OVERSIGHT MEETING		
COMMITTEE	SUBJECT MATTER	DISCUSSIONS
House panel of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures jt. w/ Basic Education and Culture	Assessment on the performance and expenditures of the Department of Education (DepEd) for FY 2017-2019 and its budget proposal for FY 2020	<p>The House panel of the Joint Congressional Oversight Committee on Public Expenditures and the Committee on Basic Education and Culture conducted an oversight meeting to discuss the DepEd's performance and expenditures for fiscal years 2017 to 2019 and its budget proposal for FY 2020.</p> <p>Former President and now House Speaker Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo (2nd District, Pampanga) was present during the meeting.</p> <p>San Jose Del Monte City Rep. Florida "Rida" Robes, who presided over the meeting, said that the oversight meeting was called to determine how DepEd's funds were utilized and whether its programs were fully implemented based on targets.</p> <p>DepEd Undersecretary Nepomuceno Malaluan reported an increase in the number of basic education enrollees since school year (SY) 2015-2016 to SY 2018-2019, from 24.45 million to 27.84 million. Out of the number of enrollees for SY 2018-2019, 22.56 million or 83.49% are studying in public schools. Malaluan said that the Department's strategic directions for 2020 to 2022 are to address the remaining gaps in making education more accessible; focus on the quality of education; and modernize education management and governance.</p> <p>DepEd Undersecretary for Finance-Budget and Performance Monitoring Annalyn Sevilla reported that through several reforms instituted, the Department was able to stop the declining rates in budget utilization, highlighting the huge increase from 88% in 2015 to 97% in 2017.</p> <p>Sevilla also reported that for FY 2020, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) has already approved P474.32 billion as DepEd's budget under Tier 1, the bulk of which will go to personnel services (PS) including salaries and benefits. However, she said that certain big ticket items proposed for FY 2020 under Tier 1 have not been given allocations but which she hopes to be included under Tier 2, such as the creation of new positions for school personnel, Green Basic Education Facilities Program, School-Based Feeding Program, and School Dental Health Care Program.</p> <p>Under the 2-tier budget process being implemented by the DBM, existing or ongoing projects are categorized under Tier 1, while proposals for new and expanded expenditures are evaluated under Tier 2.</p> <p>Rep. Robes asked the DepEd to deploy enough teachers in far-flung areas and to partner with the Department of Health (DOH) in eradicating primary complex or tuberculosis among schoolchildren. She also requested the DepEd to submit a list of areas covered by its school electrification program.</p>