



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education



Tanggapan ng Kalihim
Office of the Secretary

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My dear DepEd Family,

Having been asked to take on a new role in government, it is with deep regret that I leave the Department of Education to assume the post of secretary of the Department of Trade and Industry.

Although I welcome this new appointment as an excellent opportunity to serve our country in a field that I had been engaged in for many long years, I am saddened by the fact that this means I will have to leave a job that I had learned to love these last few years. At the same time, it means that I can no longer actively pursue the many advocacies in education that I had espoused as your secretary.

Allow me now to express my sincere gratitude for the full support you have given me during my incumbency as DepEd secretary.

We had performed well as a team, despite the enormous challenges we faced and the limited resources we had at our disposal. I trust that you will continue the good work we have initiated together and that you will carry on with the fight for quality education for all Filipinos. Rest assured that I will be one with you in this cause as a lifelong champion of Philippine Education.

Again, my heartfelt thanks to you all.

Mabuhay ang DepEd! Edukasyon ang Solusyon!

Sincerely yours,


JESLI A. LAPUS
Secretary