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Luistro OK'd Health Activities for DepEd Employees

Education Secretary Br. Armin Luistro has approved the request of DepEd Employees Union for a year-round recreational activity that will promote the well-being, health and productivity of central office employees.

Luistro also ordered the release of the funds to defray expenses for the holding of regular fitness activities which include aerobics class, darts, chess, jogging and ballroom dancing from September to December.

The approval of recreational activity came as a result of the August 9 meeting with representatives of the DepEd Central Office Union who also paid a courtesy call to the new secretary.

"We want our employees to be always in good shape that is why we are proposing that this be made into a year-round activity and in synch with other health programs," said Luistro.

DepEd Central Employees Union president Fidel E. Salosagcol added that having a regular fitness program will help improve the health of employee, increase their productivity and contribute to the achievement of the mission of the department.

Other employee concerns raised with Luistro included the construction of covered walkway between buildings, putting up of a day-care center for employees especially the nursing mothers and ways to address delays in the release of salaries.

During the meeting, union representatives also called on DepEd management to clearly define the career path of employees as well as open more trainings for qualified employees.

For his part, Luistro assured union members that employees' welfare is one of his priorities as well as mapping out their career path to ensure professional growth.

Luistro has agreed to meet with the National Union upon their request for a courtesy call on September 7 to discuss, among others, quality public service and how the union can help management in achieving the programs and projects of DepEd.

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