SBFP, A BLESSING TO LESS FORTUNATE PUPILS

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DepEd Order No. 51 S, 2016 and D.O. 33 S, 2015 are about the implementation of the School-based Feeding Program. The Rationale of this program is considered to be a sound investment in education. There is an evidence that it increases school enrolment, cognition and educational achievement particularly if supported by complementary actions such as deworming and micronutrient fortification and supplementation. DepEd continues to implement the DepEd-funded SBFP in accordance with the Appropriations Act (GAA) of 2016.

School-based Feeding Program is a 120-feeding day for pupils whose nutritional status is wasted and severely wasted. It has lots of advantages on the part of the pupil-beneficiary and in the teachers as well. First, there are improvements in the nutritional status and attendance of the beneficiaries of this program. Pupils who are sometimes absent due to poverty or sometimes because of laziness are encouraged to come to school every day. They are excited on what to eat for recess and lunch in the school. Second, there is lively and happy classroom environment because pupils tend to become participative and active during the class recitation. It is true that when the stomach is full, they are well fed, they can study and learn faster. And the teachers will be inspired and motivated to teach them. Lastly, there will be improvements in the academic performance of the pupils.

School-based feeding coordinator of each school sees to it that the foods they offer to the beneficiaries are nutritious and good for the body. Aside from the food that they are going to eat, the beneficiaries are also given vitamins, tooth brush and tooth paste.
Gulayan sa Paaralan also supports this program. The harvested vegetables and crops are given to the SFBP as an additional food for the beneficiaries. In other schools, there is also a support from other stake holders of the school such as helping to cook, preparing the food and washing the dishes. All of these are for the benefits of the less fortunate pupils, now fortunate pupils.

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