

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

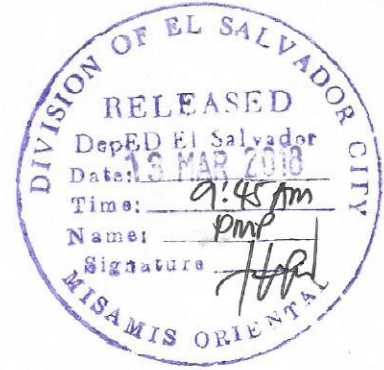
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To: Private and Public Elementary Schools
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Subject: SDS's Graduation message for Class 2017-2018

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1. In connection with the upcoming graduation exercises, the graduation message of the Schools Division Superintendent can be downloaded at the Department's Official Website at depedelsalvadorcity.net and/or Facebook account at Department of Education –El Salvador city
2. Wide dissemination of this Memorandum is enjoined.



MESSAGE



This year's graduation exercises is the most significant since the last educational reform of the Department of Education. The last one, the Basic Education Curriculum or BEC, initiated some significant changes in the way the schools were educating the children. But the K to 12 Curriculum made the greatest impact. It puts forward the 12-year basic education cycle despite a few oppositions. This year's graduation exercises finally proves that the educational revolution is the most needed educational reform in the 21st century.

It is the first graduation exercises where the Grade 12 students, the true and first graduates of the K to 12 Curriculum have the opportunity and the chance of being employed right after graduation. The others who wanted to pursue tertiary education are mature enough to choose what course to take and are much ready to take on the challenges in the baccalaureate programs. What is unique though is the idea that they can support themselves through college simply because of their employability status. This is a great plus to the 2018 graduates of the K to 12 Basic Education Program. And this is the essence of the theme: *"K to 12 Learners: Ready for Life's Challenges."*

In the lower levels, these opportunities are also visible. The Junior High School students are well aware of their potentials and hopes to pursue tracks and strands in their fields of expertise. In the elementary level, their skills are already aligned with their chosen interests. It is very clear though that the educational reform has created a system where students can finally hone their skills according to what they can do best.

To each and every graduate in the Elementary, Junior High and Senior High schools, congratulations! Your Certificate or Diploma is your ticket to a brighter future. Continue to chart your way to success.

Mabuhay!

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