



## 2017 GRADUATION MESSAGE

***Theme: “Sabay-Sabay na Hakbang Tungo sa Maunlad na Kinabukasan”***

My sincere felicitations to our dear completers, graduates of School Year 2016-2017, school heads, teachers, and all DepEd officials in this region!

K to 12 Basic Education Curriculum is DepEd’s 1<sup>st</sup> yet DepEd’s ultimate transformation.

Bearing all the apprehensions and the ‘negative might’s’ in the implementation of such curriculum transformation from the society, it is but fulfilling to sense another successful school year in the history of the Department of Education. This year’s graduating and/or ‘moving up’ exercise imprints a manifestation of sincere industry and collaboration from our agency and its stakeholders – hence, it is an ultimate transformation.

Now is a timely occasion to avail from this transformation and together we take a step further to success. Never limit this reform merely from its conception and implementation. Count each day of your lives as a transformation to create another good change. Embarking another journey and pursuits may not be your sole purpose in life; thus, be lavish for opportunities and be thrifty for challenges and impediments. Your diplomas and/or certificates are just a parcel from the infinite resources that can be acquired if the processes of becoming in an individual are completed. Acquire more resources, update yourselves and keep your focus.

I would also like to thank you because you have made this change meaningful for us to invest more diligence in providing the quality, relevant and liberating basic education for our Filipino learners. Your cooperation and support is not only widely appreciated but has raised the bar!

Once again, congratulations!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Juliet A. Jeruta".

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