

2019 GRADUATION/MOVING UP CEREMONY MESSAGE

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“Learners, diversified as they are, are not merely equal but complementary!”

On behalf of SDO Baguio City, crossroad of diversity, yet cornerstone of unity, and frontier of creativity, let me express my highest congratulations to all our beloved completers, graduates, their parents, teachers, school heads, and other significant others who helped them to succeed in their studies.

Likewise, it is all together fitting and proper to thank our **Loving Father** for helping all of you in acquiring quality education, honing your 21st century skills; and developing your positive attitude through the learning competencies under K to 12 curriculum amidst diversity in culture and origin.

Unknown to many, one of the reasons why you have consistently excelled in the regional, national, and international curricular and co-curricular activities such as sports competitions (CARAA and Batang Pinoy champion); Regional Schools Press Conference (champion); Math and Science Festival (champion); National Festival of Talents (champion); NAMCYA (Luzon Cluster Champion); International Quiz Bee (champion in the National and third in the International Level); and the like is diversity.

It is further interesting to note that from low performance rank in the National Achievement Test (NAT) for the past several years, you have become ranked number 1 in the elementary level and second in the secondary level this time. These are cited not to brag about or trumpet your accomplishments but to prove that you are truly being provided with quality education.

Indeed, we hold this truth to be self-evident, that all of you, my dear learners in Baguio City, amidst your diversity are considered more than equal. You are complementary. Hence, no one among you should be left behind.

The above cited elucidations truly reflect 2019 graduation or moving up ceremony: **“Unity in Diversity: Quality Education for All”**.

Continue to soar higher, helping us to achieve the Department’s vision, the dream of having Filipinos who passionately love their country and whose values and competencies enable them to realize their full potential and contribute meaningfully to building the nation.

God bless your graduation and moving up ceremonies and may the Lord bless and keep you and may the Lord’s face shine upon you.

Together, let us make Baguio and the nation greater still.