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**SEC. BR. ARMIN LUISTRO FSC**  
Secretary of Education  
Department of Education Complex  
Meralco Avenue  
1600 Pasig City, Philippines

Dear **Honorable Secretary Br. Luistro**,

Warm greetings from Teach for the Philippines! We write today to share our support for the Department of Education's "K-to-12" initiative.

Teach for the Philippines traces its roots to the Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation. Founded in 1999, Sa Aklat Sisikat transformed into Teach for the Philippines only in 2012. We have been working alongside the Department of Education for 15 years. We consider ourselves among the Department of Education's longest standing champions and we are vocal about our positive support for the Department, as well as the necessary reforms it undertakes.

Teach for the Philippines is also a partner of the Philippine Business for Education (PBEd) group. In a recent statement by the National Industry Academic Council, PBEd cites five reasons why the K-to-12 system makes sense for the country and we re-state them below, in agreement with their premises:

1. Improved Quality of Graduates
2. Skilled, Specialized, Job-ready Labor
3. Lower Unemployment and Higher Wages
4. Globally Competitive Graduates
5. Innovation and Overall Economic Growth

The K-to-12 system your administration champions gives millions of Filipino youth equal access to thirteen years of free basic education. It will equip our citizens with the tools necessary to either enter university or begin vocational training. It will not only level the playing field, but is also fully integrated into the plan of inclusive growth that every Filipino aspires for.

As you so eloquently told the public earlier this March, "*Maraming puwedeng baguhin [at] i-improve, bukas na bukas kami diyari. Pero sana sabay tayo, sabay sa batikos, sabay yung tulong na 'Kaya mo yan.'*" We stand together with you in the implementation of the K-to-12 system. The Filipino student deserves nothing less.

Sincerely,

  
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Co-Founder

  
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