This is in connection with the unpaid billing statements for the Senior High School (SHS) Voucher Program (VP) under the Government Assistance and Subsidies for SY 2017-2018.

We would like to thank you for your support and implementation of the Senior High School Program (Grade 11 and Grade 12) and participation in the SHS VP. We are looking forward to the continued partnership.

The SHS VP is a relatively new program, our systems are still prone to issues and challenges, and we continue to make improvements to resolve these. Rest assured, DepEd and the Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) are working to address your concerns and are committed to a more effective and efficient implementation of the SHS VP.

With regards to the unpaid Qualified Voucher Beneficiaries (QVRs) who are being affected due to the delay of the payments, we do not see the necessity
nor do we encourage any school to hold the academic credentials of these concerned students, as a temporary remedy to the situation. Corollary to this, schools that have not received the payment should not penalize students in whatever form such as preventing them from taking exams or not allowing them to graduate. We are committed to settle all necessary transaction as soon as possible to avoid any possible dramatic impact to the education of these students.

Again, we apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused, and we hope for your understanding.

Thank you.

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    2) Private Education Assistance Committee (PEAC) National Secretariat