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Minister of Primary and Secondary Education Follows Up on President's Directive, Prepares Free Education Services

JAKARTA, September 24, 2026 – Following up on a directive from President Prabowo Subianto, Minister of Primary and Secondary Education, Abdul Mu'ti, is preparing a free education scheme to strengthen access to and the quality of national education.

"During a limited cabinet meeting, the President emphasized his commitment to providing free education services for students at the primary and secondary levels, and this will also begin with kindergarten," the Minister stated after attending the limited meeting led by President Prabowo Subianto at the Istana Merdeka, Jakarta, on Wednesday (23/9).

The Ministry of Primary and Secondary Education (MoPSE) supports this enhanced educational service through the distribution of School Operational Assistance (Bantuan Operasional Sekolah/BOS) funds and the Smart Indonesia Program (Program Indonesia Pintar/PIP). BOS funds are provided to all students in both public and private schools to support institutional operational needs, including non-state teacher salaries, minor repairs, and extracurricular activities. Meanwhile, PIP assistance is designated for students from underprivileged families.

"To date, all students—whether in public or private schools—receive BOS funds. Secondly, students from underprivileged families also receive PIP assistance. Under President Prabowo's new policy, kindergarten students, who previously did not receive PIP, will begin receiving PIP funds starting in 2027, amounting to IDR 450,000 per year," the Minister explained.

In addition to student funding, the government is strengthening support for teachers. Minister Abdul Mu'ti explained that civil servant (Pegawai Negeri Sipil/PNS) teachers at public schools are funded through the central government budget, while Government Employees with Employment Agreements (Pegawai Pemerintah dengan Perjanjian Kerja/PPPK) teachers will likewise be financed by the central government in accordance with prevailing policies. Furthermore, non-state teachers at public schools can be compensated using BOS funds, which allocate up to 20 percent for non-state teacher salaries.

Furthermore, beginning in 2027, part-time PPPK teachers will transition into full-time PPPK teachers. With this shift, PPPK teacher allowances will be funded by the central government. Non-state teachers also retain the opportunity to take part in selection processes to become civil servants or PPPK teachers.



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Those who do not pass will maintain their status as non-state teachers, with compensation eligible to come from BOS funds.

As part of efforts to improve educational quality, the Ministry is also preparing teacher competency enhancement through various training programs. Funding for these training initiatives will be pursued through the state budget (Anggaran Pendapatan dan Belanja Negara/APBN).

The Minister emphasized that the implementation of free education is part of the government's effort to provide Quality Education for All (Pendidikan Bermutu untuk Semua) to every Indonesian child.

"This is the directive of President Prabowo Subianto, so his commitment to providing free education services for students in public schools is part of the commitment that all Indonesian children have the right to quality education in order to implement President Prabowo Subianto's fourth Asta Cita mission," the Minister concluded.

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