

RM100 Schooling Aid Lightens Family Burden
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HULU LANGAT, Nov 12 (Bernama) -- For parents in rural Dusun Tua area, here, the RM100 in schooling aid undoubtedly ease their burden to prepare children for school.

Zamry Niza Mohd Yusop, 30, who had a child in primary school, regarded the aid of RM100 as sufficient but believed secondary school students should get more.

"The amount is helpful to me but my nephews and nieces in secondary school have to pay for books which are far more costly," he told Bernama.

Zamri Niza, who helps his wife run a food outlet, also pointed out that rural students normally did not have much cocurriculum activities which required payments but it was not the case for schools in town.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin, who is also the Education Minister, recently said 5.5 million primary and secondary school students would receive RM100 aid which had been channelled to schools from Thursday.

Self-employed Mohammad Yazid Bujai, 46, who has two children in primary school, was grateful for the aid and hoped it would be continued especially for rural parents with low income.

Mother Afni Zakaria, 47, from Pekan Batu 18, here, said the aid, was by no means adequate, but would lighten the burden of parents.

Retired soldier Mohd Yusop Noordin, 67, said the aid must be distributed effectively and fairly to all students, otherwise, it would be a futile exercise.

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