

Give Out RM100 Aid In Full, Muhyiddin Tells Teachers
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BANGI, Nov 21 (Bernama) -- Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin today instructed school teachers to hand over the one-off RM100 schooling aid in full to the parents of all students.

"It is the responsibility of the teachers to hand over the RM100 to the parents of every student, no questions asked. There should be no deduction whatsoever. Just hand over the RM100," he said.

Muhyiddin, who is also education minister, said every student in government and private schools was entitled to the aid.

"If there is any intention to deduct money for the parent-teacher association and such, that is secondary. For now, the RM100 must be handed over in full, nothing more and nothing less," he told reporters after handing over the "Ilham Desa" national awards, here.

He said the RM100 must be handed over in keeping with the provision in Budget 2012 tabled by Prime Minister Datuk Seri Najib Tun Razak.

Muhyiddin was asked to comment on reports that some schools were making deductions from the RM100 for parent-teacher association fees and such.

Under Budget 2012, the government has allocated RM530 million to give the one-off RM100 schooling aid to each of the estimated 5.3 million students in the country to ease their parents' financial burden in preparing for their next school year.

Many schools began handing out the money last week before they closed for the year-end holidays.

Muhyiddin said parents can complain to the headmasters/principals or the district education officers if deductions have been made from the RM100.

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