

**Mode Of Cash Disbursement To Students Being Worked Out - Muhyiddin
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KUALA LUMPUR, Oct 24 (Bernama) -- A committee has been set up to work out the mode of disbursement of the RM100 cash aid to primary and secondary school students in government and aided schools.

Deputy Prime Minister Tan Sri Muhyiddin Yassin said the committee would ensure that all students would get the aid before schools reopen next January.

"I would like to remind parents and guardians that the aid is meant for children to buy essential items before schools reopen and not to buy mobile phones or the like," he said when winding up debate on the Supply Bill 2012 in Parliament today.

He said in line with the abolition of school fees announced in the 2012 Budget, a letter to clarify an existing circular would be issued as a guideline to the Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) in all schools.

Muhyiddin, who is also the education minister, said all programmes or activities planned by the PTAs must get the permission of the state director of education.

"Although most of the allocation provided could cater for basic needs of education but parent initiatives for schools could not be curtailed.

"If there is a need to increase school funds, it must be made prudently, after it is approved by the PTA at an annual general meeting and the state director of education is notified.

"The amount to be collected should be affordable and should not burden parents," he said.

Meanwhile, Muhyiddin said he had submitted a proposal to religious schools, which had yet to register with the Education Ministry to do so, to enable them to get yearly educational aid and not on an ad-hoc basis.

Brushing aside a claim that several SJKTs and SJKCs had been closed, he said the national type primary schools would not be closed unless they breach regulations.

On school physical development, he said emphasis would be given to schools that needed immediate repair according to the audit report.

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