

Mexican president scraps education reforms from previous administration



Mexico City, April 17 (RHC)--A "so-called" reform for Mexico's education system introduced during the Peña Nieto administration is being shelved, Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (AMLO) announced in Mexico City.

The reform was "ineffective" and not in line with the needs of the teaching sector, the president said, adding that the Mexican Congress is resolved to address various aspects of the Constitution and legislation to ensure public education, secular, pluricultural, free, quality at all school levels.

The AMLO administration will work with the ministries of Education, Governance, and Finance to make "constitutional reforms acceptable to all," the president affirmed during a news conference in the Mexican capital.

A memorandum will be sent to various state departments on Wednesday as well as an appeal to "expedite" the release of teachers arrested during recent protests, Lopez Obrador added. The president will request the teachers -- dismissed for "punitive evaluations" -- be reinstated to their respective positions and those protesters unjustly imprisoned be freed.

AMLO went on to propose that damage caused by the previous administrations be recognized and compensation be provided to the relatives of those who lost their lives fighting for their rights, in this case, opposing the so-called educational reform.?

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