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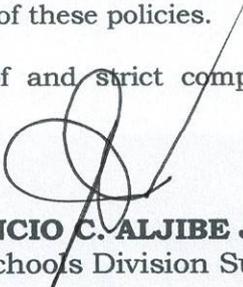
**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

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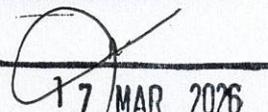
**REITERATION OF THE DEPED NO COLLECTION POLICY AND STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE GUIDELINES ON THE CONDUCT OF END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR (EOSY) RITES S.Y. 2025-2026**

**TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Public Schools District Supervisors/Principals In-Charge  
Public/Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads  
All others concerned**

1. In preparation for the End-of-School-Year (EOSY) Rites for School Year 2025–2026, this Office hereby reiterates and directs strict and uncompromising compliance with existing Department of Education policies governing the No Collection Policy and the conduct of graduation and moving-up ceremonies, in order to uphold the fundamental principle that public education shall remain accessible, inclusive, and free from any form of financial burden.
2. Strict Enforcement of the No Collection Policy Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008, all public schools are **STRICTLY PROHIBITED** from collecting any fees, contributions, or any form of financial exaction from learners and parents at any time during the school year. In this regard, all concerned are hereby reminded that no mandatory collections shall be imposed for graduation, moving-up ceremonies, recognition rites, or any related EOSY activities, regardless of purpose or intent.
3. Mandatory Compliance with EOSY Rites Guidelines In accordance with DepEd Order No. 002, s. 2024 and DepEd Order No. 009, s. 2023, all schools shall ensure that EOSY rites are conducted in a manner that is: simple, meaningful, and learner-centered, avoiding unnecessary expenses; Inclusive and equitable, ensuring full participation of all qualified learners; Cost-efficient, with no requirement for expensive attire, elaborate decorations, or extravagant programs; Policy-compliant, particularly in the conferment of honors and awards.
4. School Heads shall exercise full administrative control and supervision over the planning and implementation of EOSY activities and shall be directly accountable for any violation committed within their respective schools, whether by teaching or non-teaching personnel. Public Schools District Supervisors are likewise directed to actively monitor, document, and report compliance, and to immediately address any reported or observed violations
5. Non-compliant EOSY practices shall constitute grounds for administrative disciplinary action pursuant to Republic Act No. 6713, the 2017 Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and other applicable DepEd rules and issuances. Hence, all concerned are hereby enjoined to exercise the highest degree of integrity, professionalism, and adherence to public accountability in the implementation of this Memorandum. Any deviation from these directives shall be dealt with swiftly and decisively. Let it be emphasized that this Office will not hesitate to initiate formal investigation and administrative proceedings against any personnel found in violation of these policies.
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

  
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