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Department of Education



REGION III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OFFICE OF ANGELES CITY

6 March 2025

DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. , s. 2025

REITERATION OF REGIONAL MEMORANDUM NO. 101 S. 2025, ENTITLED PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR RITES

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent Chief Education Supervisors Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned

- 1 Please be informed of the attached Regional Memorandum No. 101, s. 2025, titled "Prohibition on the Conduct of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity During End-of-School-Year-Rites", which emphasizes that EOSY rites should be celebrated through solemn ceremonies and must not be used as a political forum.
- 2. In addition, complaints arising from allegations of electioneering and partisan political activity during EOSY rites shall be promptly resolved at the appropriate governance level and violations of the prohibited acts committed by DepEd officials or personnel, as stated in DO 48, s. 2018, shall be dealt with accordingly.
- 3. Immediate and wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are earnestly desired.

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Schools Division Superintendent

Encl.: As stated Reference: As stated

ELECTIONEERING PARTISAN ACTIVITY EOSY RITES

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. [0], s. 2025

PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR RITES

To

Schools Division Superintendents

Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads

All Others Concerned

- 1. The Office of the Undersecretary for Operations issued Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-01-01052 dated February 27, 2025 with the subject Prohibition on the Conduct of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity during End-Of-School-Year Rites.
- 2. In light of the upcoming National and Local Elections on May 12, 2025, the Office of the Undersecretary for Operations seeks to reiterate the policy that electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during End-Of-School-Year ("EOSY") rites, such as moving up or graduating rites are strictly prohibited, and such events shall not be used as a political forum.
- 3. The abovementioned prohibition on electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during EOSY rites aligns with the Department of Education Order No. 48, series of 2018 entitled "Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity."
- 4. Moreover, the Department also released DO No. 9, s. 2023 which provides:

Moving up or graduating rites shall be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating students and their family and shall not be used as a political forum, in strict compliance with DO No. 48, s. 2018 entitled Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity.

- 5. Hence, the said Memorandum also reminds all concerned personnel to continue adhering to the guidelines set forth in DO No. 48, s. 2018 and Section IV.5 (e) of DO No. 9, series of 2023.
- 6. The School Heads are mandated to ensure that EOSY rites are celebrated through a solemn ceremony, principally aimed at recognizing the hard work, growth, and academic achievements of graduates/completers, while also commemorating the







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collective efforts of the entire school community in fulfilling the mandate of providing quality basic education to Filipino learners.

- 7. Complaints that may arise in relation to allegations of electioneering and partisan political activity during EOSY rites shall be promptly resolved at appropriate governance level.
- 8. Finally, violations of the prohibited acts committed by DepEd officials or personnel as stated in DO No. 48, s. 2018 will be dealt with in accordance with DO No. 49, s. 2006 or the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases, the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and the Omnibus Election Code.
- 6. For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

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Encl.: As stated
References: DO No. 48, s. 2018, DO No. 9, s. 2023, DO No. 49, s. 2006
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MEMORANDUM DM-OUOPS-2025-01-01052

FOR

: ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS

ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS

ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM

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SUBJECT

PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF ELECTIONEERING AND

PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY DURING END-OF-SCHOOL-

YEAR RITES

DATE

: February 27, 2025

In light of the upcoming National and Local Elections on May 12, 2025, this Office seeks to reiterate the policy that electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during end-of-school-year rights ("EOSY rites"), such as moving up or graduating rites are strictly prohibited, and such events shall not be used as a political forum.

The strict prohibition on electioneering and the conduct of partisan political activities during EOSY rights aligns with Department of Education Order No. 48, series of 2018 entitled "Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity", which is attached in this Memorandum for ease of reference.

Relatedly, DepEd also released DepEd Order No. 9, series of 2023 which provides

Moving up or graduating rites shall be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating students and their family and shall not be used as a political forum, in strict compliance with DO No. 48, s. 2018 entitled Prohibition of Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity.

In this regard, this Office reminds all concerned personnel to continue adhering to the guidelines set forth in DO No. 48, Series of 2018 and Section IV.5(e) of DO No. 9, Series of 2023.

The school heads shall ensure that EOSY rights are celebrated through a solemn ceremony, principally aimed at recognizing the hard work, growth, and academic achievements of our graduates/completers, while also commemorating the

collective efforts of the entire school community in fulfilling the mandate of providing quality basic education to Filipino learners.

Complaints that may arise in relation to allegations of electioneering and partisan political activity during EOSY rites shall be promptly resolved at appropriate governance level.

Violations of the prohibited acts committed by DepEd officials or personnel as stated in DO No. 48, Series of 2018 will be dealt with in accordance with DepEd Order No. 49, series of 2006 or the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases), the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, and the Omnibus Election Code.

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.