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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 622 s. 2024

DISSEMINATION OF MEMORANDUM OM OUOPS NO. 2024-01 -09345
(Reiteration of DepEd Order No.. 052 S. 2022)

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors- SGOD & CID
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All others concerned

1. In adherence to Memorandum OM OUOPS No. 2-24-01-09345 and Regional Memorandum No. 01435 s. 2024, this office emphasizes to the field the strict compliance to DepEd Order no. 052 s. 2022 issued in December 2, 2022, titled: *An Order Providing for the Guidelines in the Celebration of Christmas within the Department of Education*. Section 4 (c) of the Order stipulates that celebrations in schools and DepEd Offices should be kept simple yet meaningful. It is emphasized that Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become a burden on parents, students, and DepEd personnel. Further, Section 4 (d) emphasizes that "contributions in schools or offices, whether in cash or kind should be strictly voluntary.
2. In addition to this, Regional Memorandum no. 01433 s. 2024 re: *Scaling Down of Christmas Celebrations in DepEd Offices and Schools, encouraging all government encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season* as emphasize in the Memorandum from the Office of the Secretary states that : " This call is in solidarity with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes and livelihoods lost during the six typhoon that pummeled us in a span of less than a man".
3. For information, guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

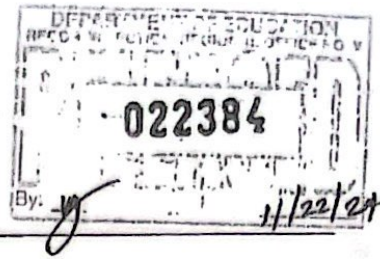
By Authority of the OIC- Schools Division Superintendent:

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
No. 01435, s. 2024

DISSEMINATION OF MEMORANDUM OM OUOPS NO. 2024-01-09345
(Reiteration of DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022)


To : Assistant Regional Director
Schools Division Superintendents
RO Functional Division Chiefs
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a copy of the Memorandum OM OUOPS No. 2024-01-09345 dated November 11, 2024 from **ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO**, Undersecretary for Operations, and **MR. MALCOLM S. GARMA**, Assistant Secretary for Operations, reiterating the provision of Section 4(c) of DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022, states that **"celebrations in schools and DepEd offices, as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become a burden on parents, students, and DepEd personnel"**. "Furthermore, Section 4(d) emphasizes that **"contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary."**

2. For information, guidance, and strict compliance.


GILBERT T. SADSAD
Regional Director

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Subject: [MEMO-2024-01-09345] Reiteration of DepEd Order no. 052, s. 2022
Attachments: 01-09345.pdf

Dear Regional Directors:

Good day!

This Office respectfully transmits the attached memorandum signed by Undersecretary Revsee A. Escobedo and Assistant Secretary Malcolm S. Garma regarding the **reiteration of DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022**, titled *An Order Providing for Guidelines in the Celebration of Christmas within the Department of Education*, issued on December 2, 2022. Section 4(c) of the order states that "**celebrations in schools and DepEd offices, as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result in expenses that become a burden on parents, students, or DepEd personnel.**" Furthermore, Section 4(d) emphasizes that "**contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary.**"

Please see the attached file, for wide dissemination and strict compliance.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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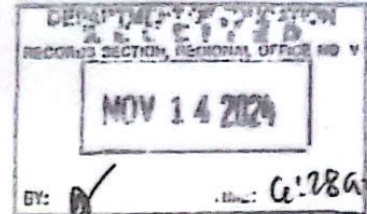


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MEMORANDUM

OM OUOPS No. 2024-01-09345

FOR : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : *[Signature]*
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary for Operations

[Signature]
MALCOLM S. GARMA
Assistant Secretary for Operations



SUBJECT : **REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 052, S. 2022**

DATE : November 11, 2024

This Office issues this Memorandum to reiterate DepEd Order No. 052, s. 2022 titled *An Order Providing for the Guidelines in the Celebration of Christmas within the Department of Education*, issued on December 2, 2022. Section 4 (c) of the Order states "celebrations in schools and in DepEd offices as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become a burden on parents, students, and DepEd personnel". Further, Section 4 (d) emphasizes that "contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary."

This policy emphasizes inclusivity and respect for the diverse beliefs and economic situations of all department employees and students. We ask everyone to ensure that this directive is upheld within their respective regions, promoting a culture of voluntary giving and inclusivity during the holiday season.

For wide dissemination and strict compliance.

Copy furnished:
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DepEd ORDER
No. **052** . s. 2022

**AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION
OF CHRISTMAS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Minister, Basic, Higher, and Technical Education, BARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Philippines, one of the six predominantly Christian countries in Asia, boasts the earliest, longest, and perhaps, the most colorful Christmas season in the world. Amidst the worst calamities, crises, losses, and pandemic, we Filipinos always carry resilient spirits and joyful hearts in celebrating Christmas and the holiday season.
2. The first Christmas set the pattern for how Jesus Christ lived His whole life here on earth: with humility, simplicity, and obedience. Every Christmas is an invitation and a challenge for humanity to imitate and imbibe these virtues.
3. To this end, the whole Department of Education (DepEd) community is urged to strive for a genuine celebration of hope, unity, and service for others every Christmas season. Celebrations in public schools and DepEd central and field offices should be simple yet meaningful, keeping in mind the true spirit of the season and the austerity called for by the difficult economic times.
4. In line with the foregoing, the following guidelines should be observed:
 - a. All Christmas parties, themes, costumes, decoration, and exchange gifts are voluntary. No learner or DepEd personnel should be forced to contribute, participate, or use their money for the celebration;
 - b. No learner shall be excluded from joining the Christmas celebration by reason of their failure to give the voluntary contribution or absence of a prepared gift;
 - c. Celebrations in schools and in DepEd offices, as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become a burden on parents, students, and DepEd personnel;
 - d. Contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary;

- e. Old Christmas decors should be recycled, purchase of new decors are not encouraged. No learner or DepEd personnel will be required to make decors specifically for a party.;
 - f. Christmas parties in schools may be organized within class hours so long as it does not interfere with the scheduled lesson plans intended to be taught to the students;
 - g. The conduct of Christmas get-togethers and other similar year-end activities should not compromise the provision of departmental services;
 - h. Gift-giving should be guided by the spirit of sharing and should not lead to extravagant spending;
 - i. DepEd personnel should be reminded that solicitations, whether in cash or in kind, are not allowed for Christmas parties or holiday celebrations.
5. The provisions of this Order cover all DepEd schools and offices in the country.
6. Schools Division Offices may issue additional guidelines based on their local customs and traditions, subject to the abovementioned guidelines.
7. Private schools, community learning centers, as well as state/local universities and colleges (SUCs/LUCs) may choose to adopt the provisions of this DO as basis in the conduct of their own Christmas parties or celebrations.
8. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.

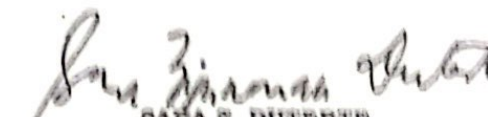
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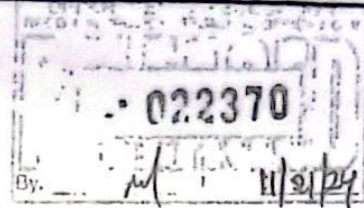
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SARA E. DUTERTE
Vice President of the Philippines
Secretary of the Department of Education



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 REGION V - BICOL



November 20, 2024

REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. ~~01433~~, s. 2024

**SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED OFFICES
 AND SCHOOLS**

To : Assistant Regional Director
 Schools Division Superintendents
 Chiefs of Functional Divisions, this Office
 All Others Concerned


1. This is in reference to the attached Memorandum signed by Atty. Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan, Undersecretary and Chief of Staff, Officer In-Charge, Office of the Secretary dated November 19, 2024, encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season.

2. For dissemination and strict compliance.


GILBERT N. SADSAD
 Regional Director

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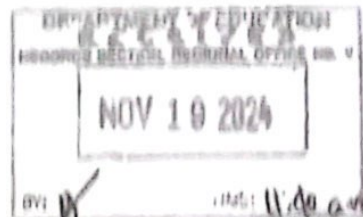
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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : *Fatima Lipp D. Panontongan*
Atty. **FATIMA LIPP D. PANONTONGAN**
Undersecretary and Chief of Staff
Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Secretary

SUBJECT : SCALING DOWN OF CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS IN DEPED OFFICES AND SCHOOLS

DATE : 19 November 2024

This is in reference to the official statement from the Office of the Executive Secretary on November 19, 2024, encouraging all government agencies to avoid excessive or extravagant celebrations during Christmas season. This call is "in solidarity with the millions of our countrymen who continue to grieve over lives, homes and livelihoods lost during the six typhoons that pummeled us in a span of less than a month."

In this regard, all DepEd offices and schools are instructed to scale down their Christmas celebrations, and may utilize the resulting savings as donations for calamity-hit communities. Regional and Division Offices shall ensure compliance with the Presidential Directive, and initiate donation drives for affected areas.

For dissemination and strict compliance.