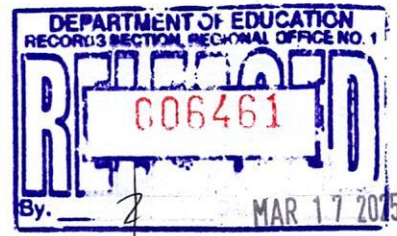




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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

No. 402, s. 2025

PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

To: Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Office of Undersecretary for Operations issued Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2025-01-01421 dated February 28, 2025 relative to the Prohibition on the Conduct of Direct or Indirect Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity.
2. A copy of the said Memorandum is hereto attached, for information and guidance.

TOLENTINO G. AQUINO
Director IV

Encl.: As Stated
Reference: Memorandum dated February 28, 2025
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
under the following subject:

Prohibition Elections

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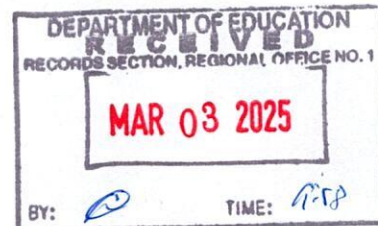
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MEMORANDUM
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FOR : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA
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Office of the Undersecretary for Operations



SUBJECT : PROHIBITION ON THE CONDUCT OF DIRECT OR INDIRECT
ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

DATE : February 28, 2025

In light with the Department of Education (DepEd)'s commitment to upholding educational integrity and safeguarding our learners from political bias and influence, DepEd prohibits partisan political activities, including but not limited to electioneering, campaigning, or the grant of monetary incentives to learners or DepEd personnel. Additionally, DepEd reiterates the policy on the prohibition of vote-buying and vote-selling and other prohibited acts provided by Article II and Article III of COMELEC Resolution No. 11104 promulgated on 28 January 2025.

This memorandum also serves as a reminder to all DepEd personnel to diligently observe and adhere to the prescribed functions outlined in Section 10 of COMELEC Resolution 11104, which is reproduced below for ease of reference:

- (a) Assist the Commission in its information campaign against vote-buying and vote-selling and, [abuse of state resources (ASR)] in elections in all LGUs;
- (b) Integrate relevant education against vote-buying and vote-selling, and ASR in elections into the modules and curricula of all public and private elementary and high school students;
- (c) In coordination with the COA, monitor the grant or revocation of scholarships which may be misused as tools for mobilizing votes;
- (d) Initiate the conduct of symposium, debates and other relevant school activities to promote education against vote-buying and vote-selling, and ASR in elections;
- (e) Encourage school organizations to implement programs and projects against vote-buying and vote-selling, and ASR in elections; and

- (f) Render any other assistance that may be necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the OEC on vote-buying and vote-selling and, acts constituting ASR in elections.

All DepEd personnel are responsible for ensuring compliance with this directive. Any partisan political activities in violation of this policy should be reported immediately this Office for review and action. 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.

We count on your cooperation in promoting a conducive learning environment that remains focused on the academic and developmental needs of learners, free from political bias and interference.

Thank you for your attention and cooperation.