

Department of Education

REGION I



Office of the Regional Director

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM No. <u>422</u>, s. 2022

REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 19, S. 2008 ENTITLED IMPLEMENTATION OF NO COLLECTION POLICY IN ALL PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- 1. The Department of Education Regional Office 1 reminds all field personnel of the policy of the State to protect and promote the right of all citizens to quality basic education and to make such education accessible to all by providing all Filipino children a **free public education**.
- 2. In light of this and in accordance with all DepEd directives on free basic education, no public school in Region 1 shall be permitted to require a Clearance Form or any similar form among learners in order to get school credentials or to access any basic education services, as learners across grade levels bear no financial accountability to the school.
- 3. Moreover, DepEd Order No. 19, s. 2008 entitled **Implementation of No Collection Policy in all Public Elementary and Secondary Schools** provides that no fees shall be collected from schoolchildren enrolling in pre-school up to Grade IV, during the enrollment period and at any time during the school year.
- 4. For grade levels beyond Grade 4, no collection of any type should be undertaken during the enrolment period and the first month of classes. Starting on the second month, contributions for the following may be collected, but only on a **voluntary basis:**
 - a) Boy/Girl Scouts membership
 - b) Red Cross Membership
 - c) Anti-TB Fund Drive
 - d) PTCA
 - e) School Publication
 - f) Membership in student organizations
- 5. It is emphasized that although the aforementioned contributions are authorized, **they remain to be VOLUNTARY in nature**. Resolutions and/or local agreements promulgated either by the school personnel or Parent-Teacher Association which tend to make contributions mandatory are thus declared invalid since existing DepEd orders or memoranda supersede school issuances.

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- 6. Furthermore, all public schools are prohibited from requiring learners to present an Examination Permit prior to taking a summative exam or other assessment.
- 7. SDOs are directed to undertake monitoring activities to ensure that the provisions of this Memorandum are strictly complied with. Moreover, school heads shall submit a Certificate of Compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent on or before April 29, 2022.
- 8. Please coordinate your queries or concerns to this Office thru email: region1@deped.gov.ph co: clmd.region1@deped.gov.ph.

9. For the information and compliance of all concerned

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Encl.: None Reference: None

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