



Office of the Regional Director

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM No. 425, s. 2022

REITERATION OF THE PROVISIONS ON VOLUNTARY SCHOOL CONTRIBUTIONS AS PER DEPED ORDER NO. 13, S. 2022 ENTITLED OMNIBUS GUIDELINES ON THE REGULATION OF OPERATIONS OF PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

To: Schools Division Superintendents

- 1. The Department of Education has issued DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2022 entitled **Omnibus Guidelines on the Regulation of Operations of Parent-Teacher Associations (PTAs)** primarily to promote harmonious, active, and collaborative engagement among teachers, parents, and the community in the implementation of school programs for learners' welfare.
- 2. Article VII, Section 26.1, of the said Order states that:

"Consistent with existing laws, rules and regulations implementing DepEd's "No Collection Policy," the collection of Voluntary School Contributions (VSCs) shall only be allowed through the PTAs: Provided that the collection of VSCs and performance of other financial transactions shall only be allowed whenever they support the programs and activities identified in the SIP: Provided further that it shall be done in close coordination with the homeroom adviser and /or school head concerned."

- 3. This Office underscores that the collection of VSCs shall be strictly on a **voluntary basis**. Moreover, it is reiterated that the amount of VSCs for fundraising projects of the PTA shall be agreed upon during the General Assembly and shall be concurred by the school head. **Exorbitant amounts for VSCs are strictly prohibited.**
- 4. It is also emphasized that the non-payment of VSCs shall not be made a basis for non-admission, non-promotion, or non-issuance of a Report Card, Certificate of Good Moral Character, and/or denial of any benefit to a student by the school concerned.
- 5. School heads are thus directed to observe prudence and due diligence in implementing the financial provisions of the aforementioned Order. **Similarly, any attempt to make any school contribution mandatory is not allowed.**

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- 6. All school issuances, including PTA resolutions, that are in conflict with the provisions of this Memorandum and of the DO 13-2022 are deemed repealed, rescinded, and/or modified accordingly.
- 7. To ensure compliance with the provisions of this Memorandum, school heads are directed submit on or before April 29, 2022 a Certificate of Compliance to the Office of the Schools Division Superintendent.
- 8. SDOs are requested to carry out monitoring activities to ensure that schools are adhering to this Memorandum.

10. For the information and compliance of all concerned.

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Encl.: None Reference: None

To be included in the Perpetual Index Under the following subject:

> VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION BASIC EDUCATION

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