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Prohibition on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity (DO 48, s. 2018)

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**For: Undersecretaries
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All Others Concerned**

**Subject: PROHIBITION ON ELECTIONEERING
AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY
(DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2018)**

The Offices of the Undersecretary for Administration, the Undersecretary for Human Resources and Organizational Development, and the Undersecretary for Field Operations, would like to remind everyone of the provisions stated in DepEd Order No. 48, series of 2018, titled "Prohibition on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity," issued on 13 November 2018, in relation to the forthcoming 09 May 2022 National and Local Elections.

This is a "constitutional prohibition since Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution which states that "no officer or employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign." Moreover, the Omnibus Election Code, as amended, "prohibits government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activity and considers the commission thereof as an election offense punishable by law." It is also noted that the "same prohibition is found" in Book V, Title I, Chapter 7, Section 55 of Executive Order No. 292 or the Administrative Code of 1987.

The same DepEd Order also mentions the advisory on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity issued through Civil Service (CSC) Resolution No. 1600298 dated March 29, 2016 and "reiterates that the prohibition aims to ensure that government workers will remain focused on the affairs of the government, to do away with the spoils system, and to shield public servants from the vagaries of politics."



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Everyone is requested to immediately disseminate a copy of DepEd Order No. 48, series of 2018, and ensure its strict compliance at all levels of governance.


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