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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM
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REITERATION OF DEPED MEMORANDUM NO. 43 S.2022 OR THE CONDUCT OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OF-SCHOOL YEAR RITES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2021-2022 IN LIGHT OF THE COVID-19 PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

To: Schools Division Superintendents
 Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
 ALS Community Learning Centers
 All Others Concerned

1. This Office reiterates the following provisions stipulated in DepEd Memorandum No. 43 s.2022 or the Conduct of K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School Year Rites for School Year 2021-2022 in light of the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency:

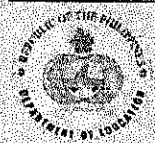
Under Paragraph 3:

"With reference to DepEd Order (DO) No. 029, s. 2021, also known as School Calendar and Activities for School Year 2021-2022, Quarter 4 shall end on June 24, 2022. For schools that did not suspend classes, the EOSY rites shall be any of the dates from June 27 to July 2, 2022. Private schools may implement the schedule as reflected in their respective School Calendars."

Under Paragraph 4:

"Schools that declared suspension of classes in response to DM-CI-2022-009, Reiterating the Policy on Academic Ease and Allowing the Suspension of Classes and other Teaching-Related Activities in the Midst of the Surge in COVID-19 Cases, shall make the necessary adjustments to the school calendar to ensure that the number of days in the current school year remains consistent with Republic Act (RA) No. 11480 (An Act Amending Section 3 of RA 7797, Otherwise Known as "An Act to Lengthen the School Calendar from Two Hundred (200) Days to Not More than Two Hundred Twenty (220) Class Days")."

As stipulated in Regional Memorandum No. 61 s.2022 or the Suggested Adjusted Calendar for the SY 2021-2022 Relative to the Suspension of Classes in the Observance of Academic Ease, the conduct of the End-of-School Year Rites for schools that declared one-week suspension shall be on July 8-9,



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2022 while the End-of-School Year Rites for schools that declared two-week suspension shall be on July 11-16, 2022.

Under Paragraph 6:

“To ensure the protection of the health, safety, and well-being of learners, teachers, personnel, as well as parents, and other stakeholders, the face to face conduct of the EOSY rites is highly discouraged. However, schools and Community Learning Centers (CLCs) in Alert Levels 1 and 2 and in consultation with the local government unit as well as parents/guardians may opt to hold a limited face to face or hybrid ceremony with strict compliance to the IATF protocols to give learners a sense of normalcy without risking their health and safety. Schools must obtain parental consent for learners to attend the face to face ceremony. When applicable, schools in Alert levels 3, 4, and 5 shall hold their virtual EOSY rites, and with the consent of the parents, they may livestream the EOSY rites via appropriate online platforms.”

Under Paragraph 7:

“The following measures must be strictly observed at all times:

- a. Face masks must be worn throughout the entire event,
- b. At least a one-meter safe distance must be observed between individuals,
- c. Participants must be seated at their assigned seats only,
- d. Handshake or any other forms of physical contact is discouraged, and
- e. Only the parents or one designated guardian shall be permitted to accompany a mover or candidate for graduation.

Under Paragraph 8:

“The virtual conduct of the EOSY rites may be an option for schools and CLCs, whenever feasible. Schools and CLCs may prepare a short program that will run in not more than two hours in consideration of the internet connectivity required. Only the completers/candidates for graduation, together with their parents/guardians, teachers, school officials, and invited guests shall be present during the virtual rites. Schools, with the consent of parents, have the option to livestream the virtual EOSY rites via appropriate online platforms.”

Under Paragraph 10:

“Schools shall ensure that the EOSY rites are conducted in a solemn and dignified manner and **shall not be used as a political forum.**”

Under Paragraph 11:



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“For the public schools, expenses to be incurred relative to the conduct of the activity shall be charged to the Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) of the school. No DepEd official or personnel shall be allowed to collect graduation fees or any kind of contribution for moving up/completion ceremony, or recognition rites.”

2. Widest dissemination and compliance to this Memorandum is desired.


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To be indicated in the Perpetual Index
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