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REITERATION OF REGIONAL MEMORATION AND TOKEN-GIVING IN THE PROHIBITING LAVISH FOOD PREPARATIONS AND TOKEN-GIVING IN THE CONDUCT OF SCHOOL MONITORING AND OTHER RELATED OFFICIAL ACTIVITIES AND THE CORRESPONDING DISCIPLINARY ACTION AND PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF

TO: Schools Division Superintendents
Assistant Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

- 1. It is the policy of the State under Republic Act No. 6713 or the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees to promote a high standard of ethics in public service.
- 2. Section 7 (d) of Republic Act No. 6713 expressly states that "public officials and employees shall not solicit or accept, directly or indirectly, any gift, gratuity, favor, entertainment, loan or anything of monetary value from any person in the course of their official duties or in connection with any operation being regulated by, or any transaction which may be affected by the functions of their office."
- 3. In line with the abovementioned legal provisions, this Office reiterates the mandates under Regional Memorandum No. 164, series of 2022 entitled Prohibiting Serving of Meals and Giving of Tokens in the Conduct of School Monitoring, Validation, and Other Official Visits of Regional and Schools Division Office Personnel.
- 4. This Office also reminds all officials and employees on the rules and prohibitions on the conduct of school visits to monitor, validate, assess, or perform any other official functions by regional and schools' division personnel. Specifically, this Office proscribes the solicitation and acceptance of gifts as well as the distribution of tokens in the conduct of all official school visits.
- 5. All officials and employees are sternly warned that failure to strictly comply with this directive shall cause the commencement of appropriate disciplinary action against the personnel concerned. This is pursuant to the provisions of DepEd Order No. 49, series of 2006 or the Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases where the imposable







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penalties may range from suspension to dismissal from government service.

6. For information and strict compliance.

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