



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
Region III
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BULACAN

December 6, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 458, s. 2022

**STRICT IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF
CHRISTMAS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

To: District Supervisors
School Heads (Secondary)
All Concerned

1. The Schools Division of Bulacan shall strictly implement the concise yet comprehensive guidelines in the celebration of Christmas in the schools division as espoused and mandated by the provisions of DepEd Order No. 52, series of 2022 dated December 2, 2022 titled, "AN ORDER PROVIDING FOR THE GUIDELINES IN THE CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS WITHIN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION".
2. As such, within the whole Christmas season, everyone in the entire schools division shall strive to celebrate Christmas fully aware and imbuing the genuine celebration of hope, unity and service and should celebrate the same with simple and meaningful spirit fostering austerity by all measures as dictated by the present times.
3. In full compliance with the terms and conditions and as defined by the provisions of the aforesaid DepEd Order 52, s.2022, every activity in the division aimed in celebrating the Christmas season shall strictly comply to the following mandatory rules and regulations:
 - i. All Christmas parties, themes, costumes, decoration, and exchange gifts are voluntary. No learner or Deped personnel should be forced to contribute, participate, or use their money for the celebration.
 - ii. No learner shall be excluded from joining the Christmas celebration by reason of their failure to give the voluntary contribution or absence of a prepared gift.
 - iii. Celebrations in schools and in Deped offices, as far as practicable, should be simple yet meaningful. Christmas party themes should not result to expenses that will become on parents, students, and Deped personnel.
 - iv. Contributions for celebrations in schools or offices, whether in cash or in kind, should be strictly voluntary.
 - v. Old Christmas decors should be recycled, purchase of new decors are not encourage. No learner or Deped personnel will be required to make decors specifically for a party.
 - vi. Christmas parties in schools may be organized within class hours so long as it does not interfere with the scheduled lesson plans intended to be taught to the students.





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- vii. The conduct of Christmas get-togethers and other similar year-end activities should not compromise the provision of department services.
 - viii. Gift-giving should be guided by the spirit of sharing and should not lead to extravagant spending.
 - ix. Deped personnel should be reminded that solicitations, whether in cash or in kind, are not allowed for Christmas parties or holiday celebrations.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of and strict compliance to this Memorandum is enjoined.

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