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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 563 s. 2016


**REITERATION OF THE NO COLLECTION POLICY FROM THE
PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION**

TO : Chiefs, CID & SGOD
District Supervisors/District In-Charge
Elementary & Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is DepEd Memorandum No. 143, s. 2016, reiterating the **NO COLLECTION POLICY FROM THE PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION** to all the schools in the Department of Education.
2. For details, refer to the attached Memorandum.
3. District Supervisors/District In-Charge are directed to submit to this office their **CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE** to this memorandum, using the sample format below, **on or before October 7, 2016**.

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE		
This certifies that the Schools listed hereunder are complying to the provisions of DepEd Memorandum No. 143, s. 2016 entitled REITERATION OF THE NO COLLECTION POLICY FROM PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION . As proof, School Heads have affixed their signature.		
SCHOOL	NAME OF SCHOOL HEAD	SIGNATURE
Done this ____ day of ____, 2016.		
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3. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.


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Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Officer In-Charge



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DepEd MEMORANDUM
No. **143**, s. 2016

REITERATION OF THE NO COLLECTION POLICY FROM THE PARENTS-TEACHERS ASSOCIATION

To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues the **Reiteration of the No Collection Policy from the Parents-Teachers Association**. The DepEd Order (DO) No. 41, s. 2012 entitled *Revised Guidelines on the Opening of Classes*, is reiterated which underscores the **urgent need to minimize, if not eliminate, financial constraints among parents/guardians during the opening of classes**. Thus, this Department provides guidelines on the collection of voluntary school contributions (VSCs).

2. However, strict enforcement of this policy is not being observed with the persistent reports and questions from parents and learners. In 2015, DepEd DeTxt Action Center recorded 176 complaints about the collection of fees which was lower than in 2014 compared to the 330 reported complaints. High volume of complaints was received in March where fees for graduation were collected. Complaints also spiked up during August and September since collection of voluntary fees started in August. These reported cases were received by the DeTxt Action Center and did not include reports from the schools division and regional offices.

3. This Order explicitly restates the following policies:

- a. **no fees shall be collected from school children in Kindergarten up to Grade 4 anytime during the School Year (SY);**
- b. no collection of fees shall be made for Grade 5 to High School learners from June to July;
- c. starting August until the end of the SY, the following membership fees and contributions may be collected on a **voluntary basis**:

Membership Fee/Contribution	Amount/Learner	Reference
Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP)	P 50.00	DepEd Memorandum (DM) 513, s. 2009
Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP)	P 50.00	DM 235, s. 2009
Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)	P50.00	DO 66, 2012
Anti-TB Fund Drive	P 5.00	DO 31, s. 2001

Parents-Teachers Association (PTAs)	Reasonable amount to be determined by the PTAs General Assembly	DO 54, s. 2009
School Publication	P 60.00	DO 19, s. 2008
Membership in pupil/student organizations	Based on existing school policies	DO 48, s. 2009

5. The aforementioned DepEd issuances (DMs and DOs), together with the references cited for the voluntary school contributions, reiterate that payment of these fees are voluntary in nature.

6. Further, in DO 41, s. 2012, it is stressed that in no case shall non-payment of voluntary school contributions or membership fees shall be made as a basis for admission, nonpromotion, or non-issuance of clearance to a student by the school concerned.

7. In this regard, the Department shall issue an Omnibus Policy on Enrolment to provide more specific guidelines on this matter.

8. For more information, all concerned may contact the **Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations**, Department of Education Central Office (DepEd CO), DepEd Complex, Meralco Avenue, Pasig City at telephone nos. (02) 633-7206/(02) 631-8494 or through email address: jesus.mateo@deped.gov.ph.

9. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
 Secretary

References:

DepEd Order: (Nos. 66 and 41, s. 2012; 54 and 48, s. 2009; and 19, s. 2008)
 DepEd Memorandum: (Nos. 513 and 235, s. 2009)

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