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TO: **District Supervisors**
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 All concerned

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FROM: **NATIVIDAD P. BAYUBAY, CESO VI**
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 Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: **STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH DEPED ORDER NO. 7 s. 2016 – SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2015-2016 END OF SCHOOL YEAR RITES**

DATE : **FEBRUARY 16, 2016**

This is to reiterate the strict enforcement of Deped Order No. 7, series of 2016. Said order, relative to SY 2015-2016 End of School Year Rites, mandates school officials to focus on the theme, *Kabataang Mula sa K to 12, Tagapagdala ng Kaunlaran sa Bansang Pilipinas*, in line with the Department's vision on the K to 12 Program as a transformative vehicle for development.

In addition, the Department requires that the 2016 ceremonies should be scheduled on April 1, 2016, except those whose academic year have been extended. It also provides for the different ceremonies to be conducted depending on the level of completion.

Division personnel are further enjoined to observe the Department's standing policies and **not to use the ceremonies as political forum.**

Attached herewith is the aforesaid order for your ready reference.

For information and strict compliance.

Cc: All Concerned



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

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DepEd ORDER
No. 7, s. 2016

SCHOOL YEAR (SY) 2015-2016 END OF SCHOOL YEAR RITES

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

1. For School Year (SY) 2015-2016, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the conduct of the following **End of School Year Rites**:

Grade/Level	Ceremony	Proof of Completion
Grade 6 learners who will complete Elementary education	Graduation	Elementary Certificate (Enclosure No. 1)
Grade 10 learners who will complete Junior High School	Moving Up or Completion	Junior High School Certificate (Enclosure No. 2)
Grade 12 learners from: a. Schools with DepEd-approved K to 12 transition plan b. Schools with a permit to operate SHS starting in SY 2014 c. International schools with K to 12 Program	Graduation	High School Diploma (Enclosure No. 3)

2. The 2016 ceremonies shall focus on the theme *Kabataang Mula sa K to 12, Tagapagdala ng Kaunlaran sa Bansang Pilipinas*. This theme focuses on the K to 12 Basic Education Program as a transformative vehicle for local and national development. Through the provision of quality education, the K to 12 Basic Education Program develops and harnesses the skills and competencies of the Filipino youth that will lead to human and community development.

3. The graduation rites should be scheduled on or before **April 1, 2016**. For schools divisions or regions with an extended school year, schools will have to be guided by their approved revised school calendar.

4. In line with the government's austerity program, the DepEd reiterates the following policies:

- a. Graduation rites should be simple but meaningful affairs which encourage civil rights, a sense of community, and personal responsibility. While these rites mark a milestone in the life of the learners, these should be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue;
- b. Moving Up or Closing ceremonies should be simple, involving only the learners, their parents and the school; and
- c. Nonacademic projects such as attendance to field trips, film showing, junior-senior promenade and other school events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation or completion.

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- d. Expenses relative to the activity should be charged to the school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses under the 2016 Budget;
- e. Any DepEd personnel should **not be allowed to collect any graduation/moving up/closing ceremony fees or any kind of contribution**;
- f. Parent-Teachers Association may give donations in cash or in kind; and
- g. Contribution for the annual yearbook, if any, should be on a voluntary basis.

5. Further, the end of school year rites should be an appropriate and solemn ceremony befitting the learners and their parents and **shall not be used as a political forum**.

6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


BR. ARMIN A. LUISTRO FSC
Secretary

Encls.:

As stated

Reference:

DepEd Order (No. 3, s. 2015)

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