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Department of Education
Region IV- A (CALABARZON)



UNNUMBERED MEMORANDUM

TO : Public School District Supervisors
Elementary/Secondary School Principals

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DATE : September 16 ,2016

Attached hereto is DepEd Memorandum No. 143 s. 2016, re: Reiteration of No Collection Policy from The Parent-Teachers Association.

Immediate and widest dissemination of this Memorandum is desired

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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