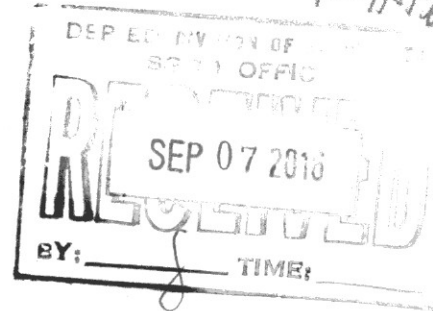

 Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education

DepEd MEMORANDUM
 No. _____, s. 2016

To: All SDSs
 For your info/strict
 compliance, pls. *The/Good Bkgs*
9/5/16

REITERATION OF THE "NO COLLECTION POLICY" FROM PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS (PTAs)

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) reiterates that no collection of fees shall be made during the enrolment period. Policies were issued specifying school contributions which have been emphasized as voluntary in nature. However, strict enforcement of this policy is not being observed with the persistent reports and questions from parents and students.
2. In 2015, DepEd DeTxt recorded 176 complaints about the collection of fees. Last year's number is lower compared to the 330 reported complaints in 2014. High volume of complaints is received in March where fees for graduation will be collected. Complaints also spike up during August and September since collection of voluntary fees start in August. Further, these are only reported cases through the DeTxt which does not include reports from the division and regional offices.
3. In this view and to affirm DepEd's "No Collection Policy", DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012, 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." This provided guidelines on the collection of voluntary school contributions (VSCs).
4. Further, this Order explicitly states that "no fees shall be collected from school children in Kindergarten up to Grade 4 anytime during the School Year." However, no collection of fees will be made for Grade 5 to High School students from June to July. Starting August until the end of the SY, the following membership fees and contribution may be collected on a voluntary basis:

Membership Fee/ Contribution	Amount	Reference
Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP)	PhP 50.00 per learner	DM No. 513, s. 2009
Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP)	PhP 50.00 per learner	DM No. 235, s. 2009
Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC)	PhP 50.00 per learner	DO No. 66, s. 2012

Anti-TB Fund Drive	PhP 5.00 per learner	DO No. 31, s. 2001
Parents-Teachers Associations (PTAs)	Reasonable amount to be determined by the PTAs General Assembly	DO No. 54, s. 2009
School Publication	PhP 60.00 for every elementary pupil PhP 90.00 for every high school student	DO No. 19, s. 2008
Membership in pupil/ student organizations	Based on existing school policies	DO No. 48, s. 2009

The aforementioned DepEd Orders together with the references cited for the voluntary school contributions have reiterated that the payment of these fees are voluntary in nature.

5. Further, in DO 41 s. 2012, "it is stressed that in no case shall non-payment of voluntary school contributions or membership fees be made a basis for admission, non-promotion, or non-issuance of clearance to a student by the school concerned."
6. In this regard, the Department has plans to issue an omnibus policy on enrollment which will provide more specific guidelines on this matter.
7. For more information, all concerned may contact the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations at 633-72-06 / 631-84-94 or through email at jesus.mateo@deped.gov.ph
8. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.


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