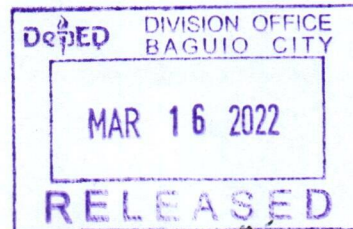




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
CORDILLERA ADMINISTRATIVE REGION
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF BAGUIO CITY



16 March 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 080, s. 2022

**REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 048, S. 2018
AND OM-OURO-22-0030**

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Curriculum Implementation Division
Schools Governance and Operations Division
OSDS Unit Heads, Section Heads, and Personnel

Public School Heads
Public Schools Teaching and Nonteaching Personnel, and
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education issued DepEd Order No. 048, s. 2018, *Prohibition on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity*, to remind all of its teaching and nonteaching personnel on the constitutional prohibition against electioneering and conduct of partisan political activity;
2. The Office of the Undersecretary for Field Operations, *Palarong Pambansa* Secretariat, and DEACO, likewise issued OM-OURO-22-0030 on March 11, 2022, reiterating the DepEd policies on electioneering and partisan political activities in connection with the upcoming May 9, 2022 National and Local Elections;
3. The said DepEd Order and Memorandum are hereby reiterated considering that queries, as well as reports of possible violation thereof, were being referred to the Schools Division Office of Baguio City;
4. For guidance and strict compliance of all concerned.

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DepEd ORDER
No. 048 s. 2018

PROHIBITION ON ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

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

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues a reminder to all its officials, teaching and nonteaching personnel on the constitutional prohibition against electioneering and conduct of partisan political activity. Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that **no officer of employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign.**
2. The Omnibus Election Code, as amended, prohibits government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activity and considers the commission thereof as an election offense punishable by law. The same prohibition is found in Book V, Title I, Chapter 7, Section 55 of the Executive Order No. 292, or the **Administrative Code of 1987.**
3. An advisory on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity issued through Civil Service Commission (CSC) Resolution No. 1600298 dated March 29, 2016 reiterates that the prohibition aims to ensure that government workers will remain focused on the affairs of the government, to do away with the spoils system, and to shield public servants from the vagaries of politics. Enclosed is a copy of the said CSC Resolution.
4. In accordance with existing rules and regulations promulgated by the CSC, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and jurisprudence, the following are regarded as partisan political activities, which refer to acts designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or party to public office:
 - a. Forming organizations, associations, clubs, committees, or other groups of persons for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - b. Holding political caucuses, conferences, meetings, rallies, parades, or other similar assemblies for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - c. Making speeches, announcements, or commentaries, or holding interviews for or against the election of any candidate or party for public office;

- d. Publishing, displaying, or distributing campaign literature, or materials designed to support or oppose the election of any candidate or party;
- e. Directly or indirectly soliciting votes, pledges, or support for or against a candidate or party;
- f. Being a delegate to any political convention, or a member of any political committee or directorate, or an officer of any political club or other similar political organizations;
- g. Receiving any contributions for political purposes, either directly or indirectly;
- h. Becoming publicly identified with the success or failure of any candidate/s or party/ies;
- i. Wearing of t-shirts or pins, caps or any other similar election paraphernalia bearing the names of the candidates or political party except as authorized by the Commission on Elections;
- j. Being a watcher for a political party or candidate during the election;
- k. Consistent presence in political rallies, caucuses of, and continuous companionship with certain political candidates and/or political party in said political activities, causing the employee to be closely identified with such candidate and/or political party;
- l. Giving personal, financial or other monetary contributions, supplies, equipment and materials for the benefit of a candidate and/or political party;
- m. Utilizing government resources such as personnel, including job order or contract of service hirees, time, and properties for political purposes;
- n. Distributing handbills/leaflets;
- o. Attendance at political meetings and caucuses; and
- p. Distribution of letters indicating intention to run for public office.

5. All DepEd officials (including third level officials), teaching and nonteaching personnel, are prohibited from engaging in any electioneering or partisan political activity, subject to the exclusion under paragraphs 12 and 14 of the attachment to the enclosed CSC Resolution.

6. DepEd officials are prohibited from using their position of authority to influence teaching and/or nonteaching personnel under their supervision or jurisdiction to support any preferred candidate or political party.

7. Any of the abovementioned prohibited act/s committed by DepEd official/personnel shall be dealt with in accordance with the DepEd Order No. 49, s. of 2006 (Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases), the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, the Omnibus Election Code.

8. This Order is without prejudice to other circulars, advisories, or resolutions that may hereinafter be adopted by the CSC, COMELEC, and/or other relevant agencies.

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


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary




Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY

MEMORANDUM

OM-OURO-22-0030

TO : **REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : 
ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary
Field Operations, Palarong Pambansa Secretariat, and DEACO

SUBJECT : **REITERATION OF DEPED POLICIES ON ELECTIONEERING**
AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

DATE : March 11, 2022

In connection with the upcoming May 9, 2022 National and Local Elections, this Office would like to reiterate the existing policies of the Department of Education in relation to Electioneering and Political Partisan Activities:

A. On the participation and/or involvement of DepEd Personnel:

I. **Department of Justice (DOJ) Memorandum Circular No. 003 dated November 17, 2021**

DOJ M.C. No. 003 provides for a copy of a Memorandum from Executive Secretary Salvador C. Medialdea with the subject, "*Reminder to Uphold the Principle of Political Neutrality in the Government Service at All Times.*"

The said Memorandum stipulates that "**public officials and employees must all the more uphold political neutrality in the government service**, maintain professionalism in the discharge of their duties, and guarantee that government programs are administered in a nonpartisan manner."

II. **DepEd Order No. 048 s. 2018** or the *Prohibition on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity*

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DO No. 048, s. 2018 emphasized Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution that states “**no officer or employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign.**”

In line with this, all DepEd Officials including **third level officials, teaching and non-teaching personnel**, are **prohibited from engaging in any electioneering or partisan political activity**. Further, the aforementioned officials are **prohibited from using their position of authority to influence teaching and/or non-teaching personnel** under their supervision or jurisdiction **to support any preferred candidate or political party**.

B. On the use of schools for partisan political activities:

- I. **DepEd Memorandum No 31, s. 2019** or the “*Activities that Constitute Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity During the Campaign Period in Connection with the May 13, 2019 National and Local Elections*”

Section 7 states that “**political neutrality shall be observed at all times** and everyone is enjoined to make a unified stand that the **schools are neutral zones**”. Invitations and requests to DepEd officials and employees to participate in consultative assemblies and meetings shall not be allowed. The conduct of such events shall also be prohibited inside public school premises.

C. On the participation of Learners:

- I. **DepEd Order No. 57, s. 2005** or *On the Participation of Students in Partisan Political Activities*

In this DepEd Order, it is stipulated that “**...Academic discussion of current national issues is encouraged as long as it is within the confines of the classroom.**” (Section 3). Moreover, it is emphasized therein that **partisan political rallies are not the proper means for objectively learning issues as these activities expose the elementary and high school students to unnecessary danger and risk**” (Section 4). Lastly, it is thereby stated that school administrators are **urged to avoid the participation of elementary and high school students in partisan political activities during class hours** so as not to disrupt classes (Section 5).

II. **DepEd Order No. 47, s. 2014** or the *Constitution and By-Laws of the Supreme Pupil Government and Supreme Student Government in Elementary and Secondary Schools*

The **Supreme Student Government (SSG) are not empowered to join in partisan political activities.** Included in the duties and responsibilities of the SSGs is the provision of alternative avenues and activities in which students can practice their social and civic duties and responsibilities safely. **However, the student-members of the SSGs have the right to participate in such activities as an individual,** subject to several reasonable limitations.

III. **DepEd Memorandum No. 55, s. 2021** or the *Recommended Programs, Projects, and Activities of the Student Government for School Year 2021-2022*

This DepEd Memorandum details the recommended programs and activities that constitute the establishment of learner support systems to facilitate the provision of psychosocial support, health and safety measures, and remediation and enhancement to all types of learners.

The recommended activities include student leadership formation, peer coaching, core values advocacies, and other programs that can safely foster and provide a sense of social responsibility and community among students.

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with the aforementioned DepEd issuances is desired.