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**Department of Education**  
OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR FINANCE

MEMORANDUM  
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TO : REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
REGIONAL AND DIVISION FINANCE OFFICERS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM :   
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SUBJECT : Advisory on the Recently Issued Department of Budget and Management (DBM) National Budget Circular (NBC) No. 580

DATE : April 27, 2020

This refers to NBC No. 580 issued by the DBM on April 22, 2020, entitled: *Adoption of Economy Measures in the Government Due to the Emergency Health Situation.*

Among the highlights of the said Circular, are as follows:

1. Thirty-five percent (35%) of programmed appropriations under the FY 2020 GAA shall no longer be made available for release effective April 1, 2020. As clarified by DBM - Dir. Tessie Gregorio in a teleconference last Friday, April 24, 2020, the programmed appropriations cover both fiscal year (FY) 2020 released allotments and unreleased appropriations of the entire bureaucracy. The percentage (%age) share/contribution of departments/agencies varies across departments/agencies depending on the amounts that will be generated from the discontinuance of their appropriated Programs/Activities/Projects.
2. No allotment shall be released for new programs, projects, activities, including Congress-introduced increases in the GAA 2020 which are not likely to be implemented with the current fiscal year, FY 2020. GAA 2020 unreleased appropriations for new P/A/Ps may no longer be released unless the agency can certify that such programs/projects can be implemented during the year.
3. At least ten percent (10%) of the total released allotments for Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) and Capital Outlays (CO) shall no longer be available for obligation. With this, certain economy measures are to be implemented, as enumerated under Section 4.3 of NBC No. 580.



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4. Section 4.5 of the Circular requires the identification and computation by the national government agencies of their FYs 2019 and 2020 unobligated allotments for MOOE and CO as of March 31, 2020, based on Section 4.3 of the same Circular. Likewise, it requires the submission of a certification for such not later than April 30, 2020. Otherwise, non-submission shall be a ground for non-release of subsequent allotment requests until such certification is submitted.

Notwithstanding of the foregoing provisions/requirements, **all DepEd field offices must refrain from coordinating with and submitting reports to their DBM counterparts** regarding the matter. The DepEd Central Office Finance Service is already coordinating/discussing with the DBM Central Office insofar as the implementation of the provisions of NBC No. 580 is concerned.

For guidance and compliance.

Thank you.

cc: **Undersecretaries**  
**Assistant Secretaries**  
**Bureau and Service Directors**