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**Department of Education**  
REGION VIII - EASTERN VISAYAS

March 3, 2023

**REGIONAL MEMORANDUM**

No. **198**, 2023

**ALLOWABLE MASTER TEACHER POSITIONS IN THE ELEMENTARY LEVEL**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
Division HRMPSBs  
All Others Concerned

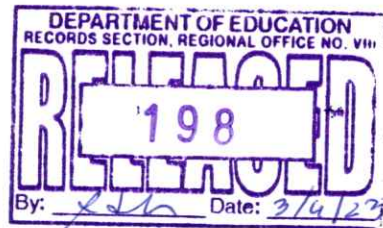
1. With reference to the attached letter from Dir. Imelda C. Laceras, CESO III, Department of Budget and Management relative to the allowable Master Teacher Positions in the Elementary level, the Schools Division Superintendents through the Division HRMPSBs are advised to refrain from submitting requests for reclassification to Master Teacher III and IV positions for elementary level until further advice.
2. It is informed that submitted documents to the Regional Office for those positions shall be returned to the SDOs without favourable action.
3. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV  
Regional Director

Enclosure: Letter from DBM dated January 30, 2023  
Reference: DBM Manual on Position Classification and Compensation  
To be indicated in the Perpetual Index

under the following subjects:

- DBM MANUAL
- ELEMENTARY LEVEL
- MASTER TEACHER
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REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES  
**DEPARTMENT OF BUDGET AND MANAGEMENT**  
 REGION VIII

January 30, 2023

**DIR. EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV**  
 Regional Director  
 Department of Education-Regional Office VIII  
 Government Center, Palo Leyte



Dear Dir. Fetalvero:

This refers to the allowable level of Mater Teacher (MT) positions for DepEd elementary and secondary schools.

Per Memorandum from DBM Central Office-Organization and Position Classification and Compensation Bureau (OPCCB) dated January 17, 2023, higher-level MT items (MT III and MT IV), are only being created and allocated for DepEd-managed secondary schools per DBM's Manual on Position Classification and Compensation which was circularized through DBM Circular Letter 2007-6 dated February 9, 2007.

Further, this was also confirmed by DepEd Undersecretary Gloria Jumamil-Mercado on her letter to DBM dated January 5, 2023, that DBM's Manual on Position Classification and Compensation prevails over DECS Order No. 57, s. 1997 and Deped-CO will issue a memorandum to DepEd implementing units relative to this.

With regards to your existing MT III and MT IV positions, we shall await further instructions from our central office. In this regard, please refrain from submitting request for reclassification of positions for higher-level MT positions for elementary schools until further advice from this level.

For information and guidance. Thank you.

Very truly yours.

*[Handwritten Signature]*  
**IMELDA C. LACERAS, CESO III**  
 Director IV

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