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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM

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**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY MEASURES
IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION,
AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents
School Heads of Implementing Unit Secondary Schools
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-02-01202 dated May 4, 2026, issued by the Office of the Undersecretary for Governance and Operations, DepEd Central Office, titled "Reiteration on the Observance of Austerity Measures in the Conduct of all Regional, Division, and School Activities."
2. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

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Enclosures: As stated
References: As stated

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Dear Regional Directors,

In line with the Department's commitment to prudent fiscal management and the efficient use of government resources, this Office hereby reiterates the strict observance of austerity measures on the planning and conduct of all regional, division, and school activities. This is consistent with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 61, s. 2004, DepEd Memorandum no. 018, s. 2026, and DepEd Memorandum No. 022 s. 2026, which collectively emphasize the need to rationalize expenditures and ensure that public funds are utilized judiciously and responsibly.

Accordingly, all field offices shall ensure that activities such as meetings, conferences, trainings, seminars, and similar undertakings are carried out in a manner that **upholds cost-efficiency without compromising their intended objectives**. In particular, **priority shall be given to the use of existing DepEd facilities as venues for official functions**. In instances where such facilities are unavailable or unsuitable, the utilization of other government-owned or controlled facilities is highly encouraged as a viable and economical alternative.

The engagement of private venues shall be resorted to only **when absolutely necessary** and must be **supported by appropriate justification**, subject to existing government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. Moreover, all concerned offices are strongly advised to **limit expenditures related to venue rental, accommodation, meals, and other incidental costs**, and to explore **alternative modalities, including virtual or blended arrangements, whenever feasible and appropriate**.

All field offices are hereby directed to comply with these guidelines and to foster a culture of accountability, transparency, and fiscal discipline in the discharge of their respective functions.

Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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TO : **ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS**
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS
ALL SCHOOL HEADS
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
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SUBJECT : **REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY MEASURES IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION, AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

DATE : May 04, 2026

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