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Region VII, Central Visayas

DIVISION OF CEBU PROVINCE

Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. <u>569</u>, s. 2013

REITERATING REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713 (Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees)

TO: OIC, Assistant Superintendents
Education Supervisors/Coordinators
District Supervisors/OICs
Elementary and Secondary School Heads

- 1. Attached is a copy of an Unnumbered Regional Memorandum, dated September 19, 2013, reminding all DepEd Personnel regarding the provisions of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees", for the guidance and information of all concerned.
- 2. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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KAGAWARAN NG EDUKASYON DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION REHIYON VII, GITNANG VISAYAS

Region VII, Central Visayas Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City



MEMORANDUM

TO

SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

OFFICERS-IN-CHARGE OF REGULAR/CITY DIVISION

DATE

September 19, 2013

Attached is the letter of Mr. Raul P. Constantino, Spokesperson, Teachers' Dignity Coalition (TDC) – Cebu, relative to the alleged irregularities committed by some teachers in the different divisions in Region VII.

It may be pertinent to mention that this Office has called the attention of the Schools Division Superintendents concerned to take appropriate action on the alleged irregularities committed by their teachers.

In view thereof, all Schools Division Superintendents are hereby instructed to remind all the teachers regarding the provisions of Republic Act No. 6713, otherwise known as the "Code of Conduct and Ethical Standards for Public Officials and Employees".

Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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DR. CARMELITA T. DULANGON

Regional Director Department of Education Region VII Sudlon, Lahug, Cebu City

Madame:

Greetings in the name of the Holy Triune God!

This letter is an earnest response to the reports and observations of IRREGULARITIES which we received from teachers in different Divisions of DepEd, Region VII. These reports involve (a.) graft and corrupt practices of the principals and school heads; (b.) grave abuses of authority; and the (c.) palpable violations on transparency law which includes but not limited to the so-called MOOE's liquidations and how it suppose to be dealt with (pls. find the attached list of observed irregularities). We firmly believe that these very intriguing irregularities have somehow jeopardized the right of the children to receive and enjoy quality education at its very satisfying level. It is DETRIMENTAL to the quality of education that we ought to share to our students.

These cases are alarming as it definitely hampered the blastoff of services to the general public and has caused a very despicable bedlam to the teachers. It only create a state of complete disorder and confusion on why our school administrators, who are suppose to be the dispensers of truth and equality, serve the public with utmost sincerity and act with all honesty, have the courage to culpably violate the rule of law and keep on doing it amidst the complaints against them. As a matter of fact, these cases were already reached the office of the Ombudsman, the respective Division offices of concern teachers and, of course, your office (please find the attached letters of complaints). These irregularities must be stopped once and for all to give meaning on the essence of serving the public. Public office is a public trust and we ought to serve the people with sincerity and all honesty.

Let us be reminded that no one is ABOVE THE LAW, not even the President of the Republic, and these should be inculcated to the school administrators as the "deliberately misleading power" veritably poisoned them.

On the other hand, as government employees (much more to officials), we must have to expeditiously answer any letter or request pending before our office (Section 3, Paragraph 2, Rule VI of the RULES IMPLEMENTING THE CODE OF CONDUCT AND ETHICAL STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES [REPUBLIC ACT NO. 6713]). In this light, we are humbly asking your office to issue a Memorandum against these very despicable irregularities that are happening in the school level. It's about time for us to ACT (Accountability, Credibility, and Transparency) now as the issues of CORRUPTION and the so-called "PORK BARREL" are now brought into the parliament of the street which is an emblem of people's anger against it.

We are looking forward to a very favorable response on this matter. Thank you so much and God bless!

Respectfully yours and for teachers' dignity,

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OBSERVED IRREGULARITIES

- 1. The cryptic participation of administrator in the bidding of 50 G.I. sheets which was not brought up in the school (DVRMNHS). Everybody in the school should be properly informed so that the right to information on matters of public concern would not be breached.
- 2. Overpricing of the expenditures in the classroom repainting activity using paints donated by the stakeholders (a school in Carcar City).
- 3. Bogus purchases of educational materials such as ink, printer, and laptop (Consolacion National High School Evening class).
- 4. Teachers (who are designated as Inspectors) were forced to declare and sign papers which were not true (Consolacion National High School Evening class).
- MOOE expenditures were not shown to the public. The law on transparency
 was willfully ignored in DVRMNHS and in most schools. If it would not be
 tolerated, MOOE will no longer be susceptible to abuse and corruption.
- School Heads didn't liquidate and no clear liabilities on the spending of the school share from the Cooperative Canteen. This is very despicable in a democratic society. This must be properly addressed.
- 7. Homeroom project of planning to fix the ceiling of a classroom. Every parent asked to contribute for a certain amount and since the amount collected was not enough, the principal collected the money and instead charge everything to MOOE. The money collected was gone with the wind.
- The exclusion of Faculty Club President and PTA officers on SIP, AIP and APP.
 Transparency should be strictly observed. Teachers should properly be informed on these matters of public concern.
- Conflict of interest of principal by having Automated Tubig Machines (ATM)
 in the school (DVRMNHS). Moreover, during its first year of operation, electric
 meters of its own were not installed.
- 10. Aside from the share that the Cooperative Canteen should give to the school, the Principal also asked another **P500 per month** as rent to the school (DVRMNHS)
- 11. Late release of the so-called "Performance-Based Bonus" or PBB. Mr. Junnie Padillo was given his PBB two weeks after all the teachers of DVRMNHS received it.