



Republic of the Philippines

## Department of Education

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR PUBLIC AFFAIRS  
AND EXTERNAL PARTNERSHIPS

### MEMORANDUM

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FOR : REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL OTHER CONCERNED

FROM :   
CILETTE LIBORO CO  
Assistant Secretary  
Public Affairs and External Partnerships

SUBJECT : REMINDER ON COMPLIANCE WITH EXISTING POLICIES ON  
DONATIONS, SPONSORSHIPS, AND PARTNERSHIPS

DATE : June 4, 2026

In line with the Department of Education's commitment to uphold the welfare, health, safety, and best interests of learners, all Regional Offices are hereby reminded to ensure strict compliance with existing laws, rules, regulations, and Department policies governing the acceptance of donations, sponsorships, and partnerships from private entities and organizations.

Pursuant to **DepEd Order No. 24, s. 2016** (Guidelines on Accepting Donations and on Processing Applications for the Availment of Tax Incentives by Private Donor-Partners Supporting the K to 12 Program), all donations and partnerships shall be carefully assessed to ensure that they are consistent with the Department's vision, mission, values, and educational objectives, and do not compromise the integrity of DepEd programs and activities.

Likewise, **DepEd Order No. 48, s. 2016** (Policy and Guidelines on Comprehensive Tobacco Control), in relation to **Republic Act No. 9211** (Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003) and **Civil Service Commission-Department of Health Joint Memorandum Circular No. 2010-01** on the Protection of the Bureaucracy Against Tobacco Industry Interference, prohibits the acceptance of gifts, donations, sponsorships, and other forms of support, directly or indirectly, from the tobacco industry, including those coursed through corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiatives, foundations, partner organizations, and other intermediary entities.



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In view thereof, all Regional Directors are directed to remind Schools Division Offices and schools within their respective jurisdictions to exercise due diligence in vetting prospective donors, sponsors, and partners, and to ensure that no donation, sponsorship, partnership, or related activity is entered into if it originates from, is funded by, or may reasonably be associated with industries or entities prohibited under existing laws, rules, regulations, and Department policies, including those engaged in tobacco, alcoholic beverages, gambling, and other industries whose products, services, or business interests are inconsistent with the objectives of basic education and learner protection.

All concerned are likewise reminded to avoid engagements that may create the perception of endorsement, partnership, or cooperation with such industries.

Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is directed.

For guidance and compliance.



Republic of the Philippines  
**Department of Education**  
Region V  
**SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON**

June 15, 2026

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent  
Chief, SGOD and CID  
Public Schools District Supervisors and OIC-PSDs  
School Heads of Public Elementary and Secondary  
All Others Concerned

For information, guidance and compliance.

  
**JOSE. L. DONCILLO, CESO V**  
Schools Division Superintendent