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Region V
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF SORSOGON

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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 218, s. 2023

**REITERATION OF THE PROHIBITION ON ELECTIONEERING AND
PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY**

**TO : Asst. Schools Division Superintendent
CID & SGOD Chiefs
Education Program Supervisors
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel**

This Office reiterates the provisions in the attached **DO No. 048, s. 2018**, that forbids government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activities. Violators will be charged administratively.

It is expected that all must adhere to and promote the existing rules and regulations promulgated by the Commission on Elections, and the Civil Service Commission regarding these prohibitions.

For information, dissemination, guidance and compliance.


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To: Undersecretaries
Assistant Secretaries
Regional Secretary, ARMM
Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. The Department of Education (DepEd) issues a reminder to all its officials, teaching and nonteaching personnel on the constitutional prohibition against electioneering and conduct of partisan political activity. Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that **no officer of employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in any electioneering or partisan political campaign.**
2. The Omnibus Election Code, as amended, prohibits government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activity and considers the commission thereof as an election offense punishable by law. The same prohibition is found in Book V, Title I, Chapter 7, Section 55 of the Executive Order No. 292, or the **Administrative Code of 1987.**
3. An advisory on Electioneering and Partisan Political Activity issued through Civil Service Commission (CSC) Resolution No. 1600298 dated March 29, 2016 reiterates that the prohibition aims to ensure that government workers will remain focused on the affairs of the government, to do away with the spoils system, and to shield public servants from the vagaries of politics. Enclosed is a copy of the said CSC Resolution.
4. In accordance with existing rules and regulations promulgated by the CSC, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and jurisprudence, the following are regarded as partisan political activities, which refer to acts designed to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or party to public office:
 - a. Forming organizations, associations, clubs, committees, or other groups of persons for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - b. Holding political caucuses, conferences, meetings, rallies, parades, or other similar assemblies for the purpose of soliciting votes and/or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - c. Making speeches, announcements, or commentaries, or holding interviews for or against the election of any candidate or party for public office;

- d. Publishing, displaying, or distributing campaign literature, or materials designed to support or oppose the election of any candidate or party;
- e. Directly or indirectly soliciting votes, pledges, or support for or against a candidate or party;
- f. Being a delegate to any political convention, or a member of any political committee or directorate, or an officer of any political club or other similar political organizations;
- g. Receiving any contributions for political purposes, either directly or indirectly;
- h. Becoming publicly identified with the success or failure of any candidate/s or party/ies;
- i. Wearing of t-shirts or pins, caps or any other similar election paraphernalia bearing the names of the candidates or political party except as authorized by the Commission on Elections;
- j. Being a watcher for a political party or candidate during the election;
- k. Consistent presence in political rallies, caucuses of, and continuous companionship with certain political candidates and/or political party in said political activities, causing the employee to be closely identified with such candidate and/or political party;
- l. Giving personal, financial or other monetary contributions, supplies, equipment and materials for the benefit of a candidate and/or political party;
- m. Utilizing government resources such as personnel, including job order or contract of service hirees, time, and properties for political purposes;
- n. Distributing handbills/leaflets;
- o. Attendance at political meetings and caucuses; and
- p. Distribution of letters indicating intention to run for public office.

5. All DepEd officials (including third level officials), teaching and nonteaching personnel, are prohibited from engaging in any electioneering or partisan political activity, subject to the exclusion under paragraphs 12 and 14 of the attachment to the enclosed CSC Resolution.

6. DepEd officials are prohibited from using their position of authority to influence teaching and/or nonteaching personnel under their supervision or jurisdiction to support any preferred candidate or political party.

7. Any of the abovementioned prohibited act/s committed by DepEd official/personnel shall be dealt with in accordance with the DepEd Order No. 49, s. of 2006 (Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases), the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, the Omnibus Election Code.

8. This Order is without prejudice to other circulars, advisories, or resolutions that may hereinafter be adopted by the CSC, COMELEC, and/or other relevant agencies.

9. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encl.:

As stated

Reference:

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