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Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent

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MEMORANDUM

**ADVISORY ON IBUTTONS AND USB TOKENS IN RELATION TO THE USE OF
DIGITAL SIGNATURE**

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division
Public Elementary/Secondary School Heads/OICs
Administrative Officer V
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is a Memorandum from Mr. Teopisto E. Elnas, Jr., Deputy Executive Director for Operations, Commission on Election, dated April 26, 2022, on the above-mentioned title, contents of which are self-explanatory, for the information and guidance of all concerned.
2. Immediate and wide dissemination of, and compliance to this Memorandum is directed.


CARLEEN S. SEDILLA CESOSA V
Schools Division Superintendent

Enclosure: As stated
References: As stated
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DR. CARLEEN S. SEDILLA

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**ADVISORY ON IBUTTONS AND USB TOKENS IN RELATION
TO THE USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE**

Dear Dr. Sedilla,

Undersigned is transmitting herewith memorandum from the Deputy Executive Director for Operations of this Commission relative above subject.

The advisory is that the IButtons and USB tokens of the Electoral Board (EBs) and Board of Canvassers (BOCs), containing digital signatures which therefore contain sensitive personal information and may not be taken by COMELEC without violating DATA PRIVACY LAW, must remain in their possession from the time their enrollment for digital signature is processed and even after the 9 May 2022 National and Local Election.

This will also serve as explanation for the EBs and BOCs why they have IButtons/USB of their digital signature in their custody prior to use of the Vote Counting Machines (VCMs) or Consolidation Canvassing System (CCS) in the 9 May 2022 NLE noting that operational ibuttons/USB should be coming from the VCM/CCS Box/kit, respectively.

Further, with this recent advisory, please kindly inform the EBs to disregard undersigned's information during the refresher training that the IButtons of the EBs will be collected by our field office.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,


ATTY. ANTHONETTE S. ACERET
ELECTION OFFICER IV



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Office of the Deputy Executive Director for Operations

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MEMORANDUM

TO : ALL ELECTION OFFICERS

THRU : REGIONAL ELECTION DIRECTORS / PROVINCIAL
ELECTION SUPERVISORS

SUBJECT : ADVISORY ON IBUTTONS AND USB TOKENS IN
RELATION TO THE USE OF DIGITAL SIGNATURE

DATE : 26 April 2022

During one of the meetings with the Steering Committee, Project Management Office and COMELEC Advisory Council, a discussion has been made regarding why there are separate iButtons for Electoral Boards (EBs) and USB Tokens for Board of Canvassers (BOCs). Hence, there is a need to inform and clarify the to the public, political parties, and citizen's arms regarding the iButtons of the EBs and USB Tokens BOCs.

The iButtons and USB Tokens contains the digital signatures of EBs and BOCs which are vital in the transmission of election results and certificates of canvass at the close of voting, come election day. **Since iButtons and USB Tokens contain digital certificates and have sensitive personal information of the EBs and the BOCs, the same cannot be turned over to the COMELEC, to avoid any possible data privacy violation.** The iButtons and the USB Tokens remain in the possession of the EBs and BOCs upon its turn over to them during their trainings or at any given time upon completion of the process of digital signature enrollment. These shall remain in their possession and disposal **even after** the 09 May 2022 National and Local Elections have finally concluded.

In view thereof, you are hereby directed to disseminate and inform the public, political parties, and citizen's arms of the above-mentioned policy and answer to queries pertaining to the same in accordance with said policy, should there be any.

For your immediate and strict compliance.

TEOPISTO E. ELNAS, JR.
Deputy Executive Director for Operations

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