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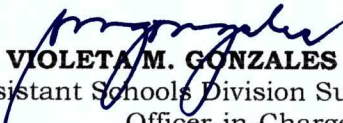
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MEMORANDUM
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**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY MEASURES IN THE CONDUCT
OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION, AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

TO: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisor, Curriculum Implementation Division
Chief Education Supervisor, School Governance and Operations Division
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads / OICs
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-02-01202 from USEC Malcolm S. Garma, Undersecretary for Governance and Operations & Jocelyn DR Andaya, Regional Director, NCR, Concurrent Officer-in-Charge, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations, dated May 4, 2026, reiterating the Department of Education's **strict observance of austerity measures in the planning and conduct of all regional, division, and school activities**, for the information of all concerned.
2. The memorandum emphasizes the need to rationalize spending and guarantees the judicious and responsible use of public funds. Moreover, all field offices must ensure that activities such as meetings, conferences, trainings, seminars, and similar undertakings are carried out in a way that supports cost efficiency without compromising the intended objectives.
3. Furthermore, the engagement of private venues shall be resorted to only when necessary and must be supported by appropriate justification, subject to existing government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. Similarly, all concerned are strongly advised to limit expenditures related to venue rental, accommodation, meals and other incidental costs, by using alternative modalities, including virtual or blended arrangements, whenever feasible and appropriate.
4. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this memorandum are hereby directed.


VIOLETA M. GONZALES CESO VI
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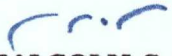
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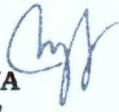
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MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2026-02-01202

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

FROM :  **MALCOLM S. GARMA**
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JOCELYN DR ANDAYA
Regional Director, NCR
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Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations

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

DATE : May 04, 2026

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 in 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,



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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.

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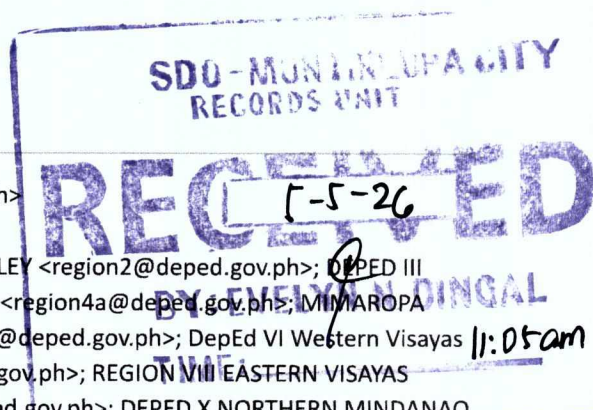
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Thank you very much.

Respectfully,



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