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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. Olele s. 2013

2013 GRADUATION RITES

To: Education Program Supervisors Designate
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
This Division

1. Pursuant to DepED Order No. 9,s.2013, re: **2013 Graduation Rites** shall focus on the theme *Building the Nation's Future Leaders Through the K to 12 Basic Education Program or the K to 12 basic Education Program-Tungo sa Paghuhubog ng mga Makabagong Lider ng Bansa*. It should be scheduled either on March 18 or 19, 2013.
- 2 To support the government's austerity program, this office reiterates policy as contained in this DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2013, to wit:
 - a. Public school heads (SHs), teachers and other DepEd personnel should **not be allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution** for the graduation rites;
 - b. PTAs may give donations in cash or in kind for graduation ceremonies and celebrations;
 - c. No non- academic projects should be imposed as requirements for graduation;
 - d .No extravagant special attire or extraordinary venue for the ceremonies should be required;
 - e. Graduation rites should not be exercised in splurging and display of pomp and pageantry but should be Spartan affair which exhort civic duties, sense of community and personal responsibilities and should be memorable, exciting and animated without baggage of extra cost and excessive spending; and
 - f. contributions for the annual yearbook/souvenir, if any, should be on a **voluntary basis**.
3. Furthermore, the graduation rites should be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting students and their parents and **shall not be used as political forum**.
4. **Education Program Supervisors (EPS)** Designates and **Public Schools District Supervisors (PSDS)** are tasked to monitor on the full implementation of this policy. Any DepEd personnel who violates this policy shall be dealt with accordingly.
5. Immediate and wide dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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