DIVISION MEMORANDUM No. 329 s. 2016

ADHERENCE OF SCHOOLS TO DEPED ORDER NO. 52 s. 2008 ON FOOD SAFETY STANDARDS

To: Chief Education Supervisors and staff - CID and SGOD Public/Private Elementary and Secondary School Heads All Others Concerned This Division

- 1. In conformity with RM no. 131, s. 2016 re: Reminder On The Strict Compliance To DepEd Order No. 52, s. 2008 and Other Related Policies on Food safety in schools, this Office underscores responsibility of all concerned in the implementation of Food Safety in schools. Please find enclosure for your information and guidance.
- 2. School Heads are directed to provide administrative support in the implementation of this Memorandum as contained in DepEd Order No. 52, s. 2008, Subpar. 4.4-4.6 and 4.9 of paragraph 4. Moreover, SHs in coordination with stakeholders shall oversee adherence to food safety standards on Paragraph 5.6.1 to wit:
 - a. Availability of potable drinking water and hand washing facilities;
 - b. Well-maintained, clean, well-ventilated and pest-free environment;
 - c. Availability of food covers and containers for safekeeping;
 - d. Hygienic practices on food preparation, cooking display, serving and storage.

3. Widest dissemination and strict compliance of this Memorandum is desired.

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REMINDER ON THE STRICT COMPLIANCE TO DEPED ORDER NO, 52, s. 2008 AND OTHER RELATED POLICIES ON FOOD SAFETY IN SCHOOLS

To: Schools Division Superintendents/
Officers Incharge

This Region

- 1. With the start of School Year 2016 2017, reminder is given on the need to strictly comply with the issued guidelines on food safety in school canteens as contained in DepED Order No. 52, s. 2008.
- 2. Paragraph 2 of the cited Order instructs Schools Division Superintendents to oversee the effective management of the school canteen and to underscore the responsibility of the school principal for any untoward incident that may happen in school due to non-compliance with school health policies and food safety guidelines.
- 3. Reminder is likewise made on the provisions of Subpar. 4.4 4.6 and 4.9, Paragraph 4 of DepED Order No. 8, s. 2007, which states, that :
 - "4.4. Only nutrient-rich foods such as root crops, noodles, rice and comproducts in native preparation, fruits and vegetables in season, and fortified food products labeled rich in protein, energy, vitamins and minerals shall be sold in the school canteen. Beverages shall include milk, shakes and juices prepared from fruits and vegetables in season.
 - 4.5. The sale of carbonated drinks, sugar-based synthetic or artificially flavored juices, junk foods and any food product that may be detrimental to the child's health and that do not bear the Sangkap Pinoy seal and/or did not pass BFAD approval is prohibited.

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REGIONAL MEMORANDUM No. 131, s. 2016

REMINDER ON THE STRICT COMPLIANCE AND OTHER RELATED POLICIES OF

To: Schools Division Superintendents/
Officers Incharge
This Region

1. With the start of School Year 2016 – 201 comply with the issued guidelines on food safety Order No. 52, s. 2008.

- 4.6. Iodized salt shall be used, in controlled quantity, in the preparation of cooked foods to ensure that the iodine requirement of the clientele shall be met and to eliminate iodine deficiency disorders. The use of monosodium glutamate (vetsin) shall be regulated. xxx
- 4.9. Vendors shall not be allowed to bring in food items inside the school canteen/premises. Teachers and school personnel are likewise prohibited from selling food items within the school premises, except through the school canteen and unless authorized and covered by a written agreement with the school head/principal and/or the teachers' cooperative."
- 4. Furthermore, Subpar. 5.6, Paragraph 5, supra, gives the following additional guidelines on the Adherence to Food Safety:

"5.6. Adherence to Food Safety

- 5.6.1. Food safety standards shall be strictly enforced and adhered to at all times by complying with the following:
 - (a) Availability of potable drinking water and hand washing facilities;
 - (b) Well-maintained, clean, well-ventilated and pest-free environment;
 - (c) Availability of food covers and containers for safekeeping:
 - (d) Hygienic practices on food preparation, cooking display, serving and storage."
- 5. To raise the level of consciousness of school children on the importance of food safety, basic messages and concepts must be integrated in selected subjects in the basic education curriculum. School heads and teachers should also encourage parents, through the Parent Teachers Association (PTA) in the school, to prepare nutritious and safe food for their children which they can eat during recess and lunch time.
- 6. The Schools Divisions Superintendent concerned, through the Principal of the school, upon the support PTA should also directly coordinate with the local government concerned to pass an Ordinance that will prohibit ambulant vendors to sell within fifty (50) meters from the school boundary.

- 2. Paragraph 2 of the cited Order instructs 5 the effective management of the school canteen school principal for any untoward incident to compliance with school health policies and food:
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- 7. Finally, the Schools Divisions Superintendents are reminded to create and/or mobilize the Division Monitoring Teams that will look into the strict compliance of the above cited mandates. A consolidated written report on the monitoring conducted by the Team/s shall be submitted to this Office on or before July 30, 2016, Attention: Chief, Education Support Services. The Regional Office will give recognition to a well-managed canteen that will serve as our showcase for centers of excellence. The specific guidelines for this recognition will be issued on a future date.
- 8. For dissemination and strict compliance.

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References:

DepED Order No. 52, s. 2008 and DepED Order No. 8, s. 2007

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index as:

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