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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION X - NORTHERN MINDANAO
DIVISION OF MALAYBALAY CITY

DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 453, s. 2022

TO : Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors, CID and SGOD
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

FROM: **VICTORIA V. GAZO, PhD, CESO V**
Schools Division Superintendent

DATE: August 30, 2022

SUBJECT: **REITERATION ON COMPLIANCE WITH DEPED POLICIES ON FOOD CHOICES AND SAFETY IN SCHOOLS**

1. With the start of the School Year 2022-2023, this Office reiterates the issued guidelines on DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2007 re: Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools, DepEd Order No. 52, s. 2008 re: Compliance with DepED Policies on Food Safety in Schools, and DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017 re: Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices.

2. School canteens are allowed provided that the following necessary protocols are met:

- a. Updated Sanitation Clearance/Permit from the local Health Department
- b. Presence of Health Permit of canteen personnel/staff from the city health office
- c. Food handlers are fully vaccinated and wear hairnet/head cover, mask, and food gloves while serving/handling food.
- d. Food and beverage items must be compliant to DepEd Order No. 13, s. 2017 re: Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverage Choices in Schools and in DepEd Offices.

3. In view thereof, 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. Further, relative to DepEd Order No. 34, s. 2022 re: School Calendar and activities for the SY 2022-2023, if there is a lack of space in the classroom or school premises to allow distancing during meals, eating shall be done in a manner where all individuals face in one direction and should not talk while their masks are off.

5. Widest dissemination of this memorandum is desired.

Encl.: As stated
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Records Unit

