



Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education
REGION VII – CENTRAL VISAYAS
DIVISION OF CITY SCHOOLS – TAGBILARAN CITY

**Office of the Schools Division
Superintendent**

June 23, 2020

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 152, s. 2020

CONDUCT OF GRADUATION RITES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

To: CID and SGOD Chiefs
Public Elementary and Secondary School Heads
All Others Concerned

1. Pursuant to Regional Memorandum No. 0314, s. 2020 and Unnumbered Memorandum from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary, Field Operations, HR-EWD & PD, and DEACO, reminding all schools to observe health protocols and safety precautions in the conduct of their graduation rites amid COVID-19 crisis.
2. In line with the aforesaid and as a contribution to government efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, the Department maintains that graduation and moving up rites that require face-to-face interaction shall be postponed until further notice. Schools and Community Learning Centers are highly encouraged to conduct virtual rites and other alternative non face-to-face activities to celebrate the end of the school year.
3. Furthermore, activities that may require face-to-face interaction and allowed through DepEd and IATF guidelines may be conducted **only if** the necessary health and safety precautions are **strictly** complied with, subject to the guidelines set for the community quarantine classification of the locality.
4. For schools that have yet to conduct the end of school year rites, school heads must submit to the Schools Division Superintendent (SDS) for approval their proposed process for e-graduation rites (including logistics) before conducting the event.
5. All DepEd officials are reminded that the safety of our learners and personnel during this period of national emergency takes precedence. Strict observance of the health and safety standards and protocols are expected from all to minimize the risk of exposure and mitigate the spread of COVID-19.
6. In this regard, it is reiterated that consultation with the parents of the learners shall be sought initially prior to the conduct of any year end activities involving school children.
7. For information, guidance and compliance.

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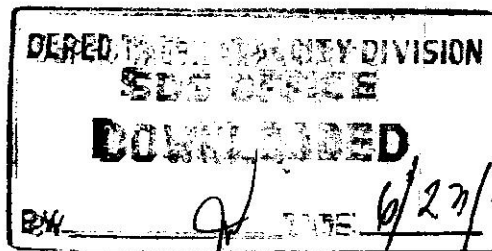
To: Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

1. Attached herein the Memorandum from Atty. Revsee A. Escobedo, Undersecretary, Field Operations, HR-EWD & PD, and DEACO, reminding all schools to observe health protocols and safety precautions in the conduct of their graduation rites amid COVID-19 crisis.
2. In line with such reminders, it is reiterated that consultation with the parents of the learners shall be sought initially prior to the conduct of any year end activities involving school children.
4. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

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MEMORANDUM

TO : **Regional Directors**
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

FROM :  **30**
Undersecretary
Planning, Field Operations, HROD


ATTY. REVSEE A. ESCOBEDO
Undersecretary
Field Operations, HR-EWD & PD, and DEACO

SUBJECT : **CONDUCT OF GRADUATION RITES DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC**

DATE : June 15, 2020

In observance of the World Health Organization (WHO) declaring COVID-19 as a pandemic, the Department of Education (DepEd) issued DepEd Order No. 02, s. 2020, entitled *Multi-Year Implementing Guidelines on the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year Rites*, stating each school shall have the discretion to elect the date of graduation rites, taking into consideration the applicable guidelines by the Department of Health (DOH). Moreover, should the public health situation prevent the holding of this year's rites, the schools, in consultation with the Parents-Teachers Association (PTA) leadership, may choose to reschedule or forego the holding of rites.

In line with the aforesaid and as a contribution to government efforts in mitigating the spread of COVID-19, the Department maintains that graduation and moving up rites that require face-to-face interaction shall be postponed until further notice. Schools and Community Learning Centers are highly encouraged to conduct virtual rites and other alternative non face-to-face activities to celebrate the end of the school year.

Furthermore, activities that may require face-to-face interaction and allowed through DepEd and IATF guidelines may be conducted **only if** the necessary health and safety

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