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DepEd ORDER
No. **8**, s. 2017

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SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017 END OF SCHOOL YEAR RITES

To: Bureau and Service Directors
Regional Directors
ARMM Secretary
Schools Division Superintendents
Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools Heads
All Others Concerned

1. For School Year (SY) 2016-2017, the Department of Education (DepEd) announces the conduct of the following **End of School Year Rites**:

Grade/Level	Ceremony	Proof of Completion
Grade 6 learners who will complete Elementary education	Graduation	Elementary Certificate (Enclosure No. 1)
Grade 10 learners who will complete Junior High School	Moving Up or Completion	Junior High School Certificate (Enclosure No. 2)
Grade 12 learners from a. Schools with DepEd-approved K to 12 transition plan b. Schools with permit to operate Senior High School 2014 c. International schools with K to 12 Program	Graduation	High School Diploma (Enclosure No. 3)

2. The 2017 ceremonies shall focus on the theme *Sabay-Sabay na Hakbang Tungo sa Maunlad na Kinabukasan*. This theme highlights the importance of the concerted endeavor and collaborative efforts of the stakeholders and learners in achieving the shared vision of quality, accessible, relevant, and liberating basic education for all. It emphasizes the significance of unity in forging a better and progressive future for the Filipino youth.

3. The graduation rites should be scheduled on or before **April 7, 2017**. For schools divisions or regions with an extended school year, schools will have to be guided by their approved revised school calendar.

4. In line with the government's austerity program, the Department of Education (DepEd) reiterates the following policies:

- a. Graduation rites should be simple but meaningful which encourage civil



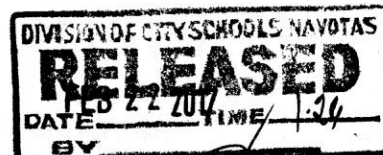
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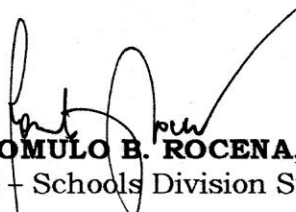
DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 017, s. 2016



SCHOOL YEAR 2016-2017 END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR RITES

To: OIC-Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisor
Division Unit Heads
Public Schools District Supervisors
Public Elementary and Secondary School Principals
All Others Concerned

1. Enclosed is DepEd Order No. 8, s. 2017, entitled **"School Year 2016-2017 End of School Year Rites"** dated Feb. 17, 2017, the contents of which are self-explanatory, for your information and guidance.
2. Particular attention is invited to paragraph nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of the DepEd Order.
3. Immediate and wide dissemination of and strict compliance with this Memorandum is desired.


ROMULO B. ROCENA, Ed.D.
OIC - Schools Division Superintendent

Encl: As stated

Reference: DepEd Order: Nos.: 7 and 15, s. 2016

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- b. Moving Up or Closing Ceremonies should be simple involving only the learners, their parents and the school;
- c. Non-academic projects such as attendance to field trips, film showing, junior-senior promenade and other school events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation or completion;

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- d. Expenses relative to the activity should be charged to the school Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses under the 2017 Budget;
 - e. Any DepEd personnel should **not be allowed to collect any graduation/moving up/closing ceremony fees or any kind of contribution;**
 - f. Parent-Teachers Association (PTA) may give donations in cash or in kind; and
 - g. Contribution for the annual yearbook, if any, should be on a voluntary basis.
5. Further, the end of school year rites and moving up or closing ceremony should be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the learners and their parents and **shall not be used as a political forum.**
6. Immediate dissemination of and strict compliance with this Order is directed.


LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary

Encls.:
As stated

References:
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