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Department of Education
Region IX, Zamboanga Peninsula
DIVISION OF PAGADIAN CITY



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Division Memorandum
No. 279, s. 2022

REITERATION OF DEPED ORDER NO. 8, SERIES OF 2007 TITLED “REVISED IMPLEMENTATING GUIDELINES ON THE OPERATION AND MANAGEMENT OF SCHOOL CANTEENS IN PUBLIC ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS” AND OTHER RELATED ORDERS AND ISSUANCES IN RELATION TO DEPED ORDER NO. 34, SERIES OF 2022 TITLED “SCHOOL CALENDAR AND ACTIVITIES FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2022-2023” AS DULY AMENDED BY DEPED ORDER NO. 044, SERIES OF 2022.

To: **Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary and Secondary School Heads/Principals
School Health Section
School Governance Operations Division
Division Legal Officer
All other concerned personnel of this division**

1. Sub-paragraph 4.1 of DepEd Order No. 8, Series of 2007 titled *“Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools”* clearly provides which must be strictly followed and implemented by all elementary and secondary school heads/principals and to quote:

“4.1. School Canteens shall be of two types: (1) School Based-Managed Canteen; (2) Teachers’ Cooperative-Managed Canteen”

Furthermore, sub-paragraph 4.8 of DepEd Order No. 8, Series of 2007 also provides and to quote:

“4.8 Sub-leasing the whole or part of the school canteen premises or sub-contracting the operation of the school to concessionaires is strictly prohibited”

2. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 034, Series of 2022 titled *“School Calendar and Activities for the School Year 2022-2023”* which categorically states that schools shall adhere and comply with the usual pre-pandemic regulatory permits and licenses as required by law and ordinances prior to the scheduled opening of classes, this Office reiterates the following guidelines relative to the



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operation and management of school canteens in public and secondary schools effective immediately upon receipt hereof.

3. All other provisions but not limited to DepEd Order No. 8, Series of 2007 otherwise known as *“Revised Implementing Guidelines on the Operation and Management of School Canteens in Public Elementary and Secondary Schools”*, DepEd Order No. 52, Series of 2008 also known as *“Compliance with DepEd Policies on Food Safety in Schools”* and DepEd Order No. 13, Series of 2017 titled *“Policy and Guidelines on Healthy Food and Beverages Choices in Schools and DepEd Offices”* shall also be strictly followed by the schools;

4. For the prevention of COVID-19 and other infectious diseases, learners, school teaching and non-teaching personnel are strictly prohibited from eating together while facing each other. Hence, if in case of lack of sufficient space in the classrooms or school premises to allow distancing during meals, eating shall be done in a manner where all individuals face in one direction and are prohibited to talk while their masks are off;

5. The following food and safety standards shall be strictly enforced and adhered to:

- a. Availability of potable drinking water and handwashing facilities;
- b. Clean, well-maintained and ventilated and free pest environment;
- c. Availability of food covers and containers for safekeeping;
- d. Hygienic practices and food preparation, cooking, display, serving and storage;
- e. All canteen personnel/staff are required to wear clean and proper attire and protective clothing.
- f. All canteen staff who are sick shall be restricted from working;

6. To ensure that the operation and management of school canteen is in order and has complied the existing DepEd order and issuances, it is necessary under the circumstances to create taskforce to monitor, check, facilitate, assist and conduct inquiry/ investigation, if necessary, to any issues and concerns and submit a written report to the undersigned for appropriate and necessary actions.

7. That said Taskforce shall be named as Pagadian City Division Schools Canteen Management and Operation Task Force (PCDSCMOTF) which shall be composed of the following personnel, namely:



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8. That this Memorandum shall take effect immediately from the date of the issuance until such time that this has been revoked and cancelled due whatever lawful and legal grounds and that the said taskforce is hereby further directed to conduct monitoring on public school canteen management and operation at least two (2) schools per week starting from receipt of this memorandum.
9. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this memorandum is highly desired.


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