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Division Memorandum

No. 021, s.2022

REITERATION OF THE "NO DISCRIMINATION" POLICY OF DEPED IN THE GRADUAL TRANSITION TO FIVE DAYS OF FACE-TO-FACE CLASSES ALONG WITH THE INSTITUTION OF THE MINIMUM PUBLIC HEALTH STANDARDS (MPHS)

To:

Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Chief Education Supervisors) SGOD, CID
All Division Office personnel
All school heads, teachers, and office personnel) Public schools, All levels
Others Concerned

1. In view of the issuance of DepEd Order No. 39, s. 2022 dated September 19, 2022 which repealed previous contrary issuances and amended some provisions of DepEd Order No. 34, s.2022 that are no longer applicable based on latest evidence from health authorities and the national government, this office hereby reiterates the "no discrimination" policy of DepEd in the gradual transition to five-days of face-to-face classes.
2. DO No. 39, s.2022, titled Health and Safety Protocols in Light of the Pandemic, provides updated protocols and standards that should be strictly institutionalized to enhance existing health and safety protocols in all public and private schools during our gradual transition to five days of face-to-face classes and onwards.
3. As expressed in the said order, DepEd strictly implements "NO DISCRIMINATION" policy in terms of managing its personnel and learners who shall now be allowed to attend in-person classes and interact with each other regardless of vaccination status provided the minimum public health standards (MPHS) are strictly in place. Details of the minimum public health standards (MPHS) which are enumerated in the said DepEd Order shall be strictly implemented in all public and private schools. Further, unvaccinated teaching and non-teaching personnel and learners shall not be required to undergo regular COVID-19 testing.
4. Hence, in compliance with DepEd Order No. 39, s.2022, all schoolchildren shall be admitted in face-to-face classes regardless of their vaccination status, except those whose parents still opt the distance learning until the last day of October 2022.
5. In addition, the undersigned hereby directs the Health and Nutrition Section in collaboration with the SMME Section to monitor the compliance of all schools with the minimum public health standards (MPHS) and in coordination with our school heads, the HN shall continue to encourage and educate our stakeholders on the benefits of COVID-19 vaccination especially among those families of the unvaccinated.
6. For guidance and strict compliance.

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References: DepEd Order No. 39, s.2022, DepEd Order No. 34, s.2021

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