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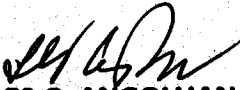
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DISSEMINATION ON THE CONDUCT OF CLASSES ON DAY 1 IN JUNE 2012

To: All Schools Division Superintendents / City Superintendents
Heads, Public and Private Elementary and Secondary Schools

1. In connection with the conduct of classes on the first day of school in June 2012, school heads are enjoined to remind parents, barangay officials and other stakeholders of education to support the policy on strictly adhering to the holding of formal classes on Day 1 for SY 2012 – 2013.
2. In printing the program for Closing and Graduation rites, a space should be provided to announce and remind parents that all pupils should report to school on Day 1 in June 2012 and that classes will formally start on that day.
3. School heads are thus reminded to prepare their schools and their teachers by way of **avoiding old practices** that tend to disregard the policy, viz: organizing classes; preparing and organizing their rooms; fixing the schedule; cleaning the room and the compound; collecting unsettled fees the previous year; and issuing books on day 1 still.
4. The aforementioned practices should be **totally disregarded** in order to make Day 1, first day of school, a very pleasant and a very memorable one.
5. The general atmosphere in the school compound as a sign of readiness, preparedness and compliance should be:
 - a) flag rites held before 7:00 am with brief but significant announcements;
 - b) neat, clean, and orderly school compound as though vacation has long been over;
 - c) classes are in session;
 - d) classrooms are properly set up; and
 - e) no loitering
6. The general atmosphere radiated by the school on Day 1 should make students look forward to schooling with joyful anticipation.
7. Songs and poems, rhymes, and action songs should be a part of music and communication arts lesson on Day 1.
8. Such genres appeal to the affective domain and enhances storage in the brain.

9. To bring about this almost ideal atmosphere on Day 1 demands vigorous support from stakeholders especially the parents.
10. It also takes commitment, passion, and discipline among the faculty and staff of the school.
11. Thus, school heads should look to National School's Maintenance Week (NSMW) as a strategic step to attaining a real class day on Day 1 of SY 2012 – 2013.
12. School heads are also enjoined to work closely with their barangay officials to ensure the support and cooperation of parents.
13. Each school should look forward to being visited by DepEd officials, including the Honorable Secretary, Br. Armin A. Luistro (who goes to schools unannounced) on Day 1 of SY 2012 – 2013.
14. For compliance and immediate and wide dissemination.


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References:

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