



August 25, 2015

DIVISION MEMORANDUM:
No. 40 S. 2015

REITERATION OF COMPLIANCE WITH DEPED ORDER NO. 41, S. 2012
RE: NO-COLLECTION POLICY

To: Chief and Staff – CID
Chief and Staff - SGOD
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary & Secondary School Heads

1. A Letter-Petition dated June 15, 2015 was filed by a non-stock, non-profit association, SAMAHANG MAY MALASAKIT SA KAPWA (SAMAKA) in DepEd Regional Office, Legazpi City as regards series of alleged irregularities committed by some DepEd as well as PTA officials pertaining to alleged collection of fees or contributions in violation of the prohibition as provided for in DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012 (as amended by DepEd Order No. 66 s. 2012).
2. While the same Letter-Petition is silent as to the personality of the alleged violators for whom the association (SAMAKA) intends the filing of a formal charge, this office expresses concern as regards the STRONG need to observe the implementing policies on the collection of authorized voluntary school contributions (VSCs) as incorporated in DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012 (as amended by DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2012). This is a collective responsibility and accountability of the schools and the SDO that must be borne in mind.
3. Relative to this, attention of all concerned School Heads is hereby called to review and revisit the pertinent provisions cited in DepEd Order No. 41, s. 2012 (as amended by DepEd Order No. 66, s. 2012) specifically the implementing policies on the collection of authorized voluntary school contributions (VSCs), to wit:
 - No fees shall be collected from school children in Kindergarten up to Grade 4 ANYTIME during the School Year;
 - No fees shall be collected from Grade 5 pupils up to High School students from June to July. However, starting August until the end of the School Year, the authorized contributions may be collected only on a VOLUNTARY basis.
4. Premised on the foregoing, it is hereby reiterated that NO COLLECTION of voluntary school contributions though authorized shall be made from Kindergarten up to Grade 4 pupils while for Grades 5 to 10, contributions and collections must be made within the allowable authorized period as expressly provided in the same DepEd issuance.
5. It is expected that immediate and appropriate action be done with those collections effected in violation of the expressed prohibitions in the aforementioned DepEd Order within a reasonable time upon notice and receipt of this memorandum.
6. For the information, guidance and compliance of all concerned.

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