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REGION X
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF LANA O DEL NORTE



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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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CONDUCT OF THE K TO 12 BASIC EDUCATION PROGRAM END-OF-SCHOOL-YEAR (EOSY) RITES FOR SCHOOL YEAR 2025-2026

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
Curriculum Implementation Division Chief
School Governance and Operations Division Chief
CID and SGOD Personnel
Secondary School Heads
Elementary School Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

- In reference to the memorandum issued by the Department of Education (DepEd) dated March 4, 2026, titled "Conduct of the K to 12 Basic Education Program End-of-School-Year (EOSY) Rites for School Year 2025-2026," this Office reiterates the guidelines for the conduct of End-of-School-Year (EOSY) Rites for learners in Kindergarten, Grade 6, Grade 10, and Grade 12 in public schools and Alternative Learning System (ALS) programs who have satisfactorily met the curriculum requirements for SY 2025-2026.
- The School Year 2025-2026 shall end on **March 31, 2026**. Thus, the EOSY rites shall be held either on March 30 or March 31, 2026, in accordance with DepEd Order No. 12, s. 2025 and the Implementing Guidelines on the School Calendar and Activities for SY 2025-2026. Diplomas are to be submitted to the Division Office on or before March 16, 2026.
- The theme for the 2025-2026 EOSY Rites shall be "Filipino Graduates: Prepared to Lead with Competence and Character." (Pilipinong Nagsipagtapos: Handang Mamuno nang May Kakayahan at Mabuting Pagkatao). This theme underscores the Department's commitment to holistic education that equips learners with essential knowledge, values,



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and life skills necessary for lifelong learning, employment, entrepreneurship, and community engagement.

4. All schools are hereby directed to observe the following provisions:
 - a. Graduation and Moving-Up Ceremonies shall be simple yet meaningful. Schools are discouraged from excessive spending, extravagant attire, or costly venues.
 - b. Non-academic activities such as field trips, film showings, Junior-Senior Promenade, and other similar activities shall not be imposed as graduation or completion requirements.
 - c. For public schools, expenses related to EOSY rites shall be charged to the school's Maintenance and Other Operating Expenses (MOOE) subject to existing accounting and auditing rules. **No contributions or fees shall be collected from learners, parents, or teachers for graduation or moving-up ceremonies in compliance with DepEd policies.**
 - d. The format of certificates of completion and diplomas shall follow the provisions stated in the DepEd Service Marks and Visual Identity Manual.
5. Schools shall ensure the following:
 - a. The School Awards Committee shall deliberate on awards and recognitions at least five (5) calendar days before the EOSY rites to determine eligible learners.
 - b. Learners shall not be required to secure financial clearances as a condition for participation in the EOSY rites.
 - c. The last class day of SY 2025-2026 shall be clearly indicated in all school documents and properly communicated to learners, parents, guardians, and school personnel.
6. All qualified learners, including transferees, who have met the standards and criteria set by DepEd guidelines on awards and recognition shall be recognized accordingly.
7. To ensure the safety and well-being of learners, teachers, and attendees, schools are advised to conduct EOSY rites in venues with proper ventilation or covered courts to



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avoid exposure to extreme heat. Schools are also advised to avoid scheduling ceremonies during the hottest hours of the day.

8. All school heads are directed to strictly adhere to the above guidelines and ensure that EOSY rites are conducted in a manner that is safe, inclusive, and meaningful for all learners.
9. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is highly enjoined.


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