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Department of Education  
REGION VI – WESTERN VISAYAS  
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF AKLAN

May 18, 2026

**DIVISION MEMORANDUM**

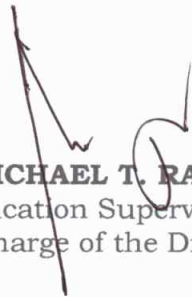
No. **279**, s. 2026

**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY MEASURES IN THE  
CONDUCT OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION, AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

To: Chief Education Supervisors  
Education Program Supervisors  
Senior/Education Program Specialists  
Public School District Supervisors  
Principals/Head Teacher-in-Charge of the District  
Heads of Public & Private Elementary, Secondary, & Integrated Schools  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Regional Memorandum No. 494, s. 2026 regarding the **Reiteration on the Observance of Austerity Measures in the Conduct of all Regional, Division, and School Activities**, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

FOR THE SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT:

  
**MICHAEL T. RAPIZ**  
Chief Education Supervisor-SGOD  
In-charge of the Division

Enclosure: As stated  
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**REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY  
MEASURES IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION,  
AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES**

To: Schools Division Superintendents  
All Others Concerned

1. Attached is Memorandum DM-OUOPS-2026-01-01202 dated May 04, 2026 regarding *Reiteration on the Observance of Austerity Measures in the Conduct of all Regional, Division, and School Activities*, which is self-explanatory.
2. Immediate dissemination of and compliance with this Memorandum are desired.

  
**CRISTITO A. ECO, CESO III**  
Regional Director

Encl: As stated

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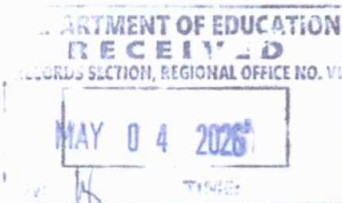
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OFFICE OF THE UNDERSECRETARY FOR GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

MEMORANDUM

DM-OUOPS-2026-02-0102



TO : ALL REGIONAL DIRECTORS  
ALL SCHOOLS DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS  
ALL SCHOOL HEADS  
ALL OTHERS CONCERNED

FROM : MALCOLM S. GARMA  
Undersecretary for Governance and Operations

JOCELYN DR ANDAYA  
Regional Director, NCR  
Concurrent Officer-in-Charge, Office of the  
Assistant Secretary for Governance and Operations

SUBJECT : REITERATION ON THE OBSERVANCE OF AUSTERITY  
MEASURES IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL REGIONAL, DIVISION,  
AND SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

DATE : May 04, 2026

In line with the Department's commitment to prudent fiscal management and the efficient use of government resources, this Office hereby **reiterates the strict observance of austerity measures in the planning and conduct of all regional, division, and school activities.** This is consistent with the provisions of DepEd Order No. 61, s. 2004, DepEd Memorandum No. 018, s. 2026, and DepEd Memorandum No. 022, s. 2026, which collectively emphasize the need to **rationalize expenditures and ensure that public funds are utilized judiciously and responsibly.**

Accordingly, all field offices shall ensure that activities such as meetings, conferences, trainings, seminars, and similar undertakings are carried out in a manner that upholds cost-efficiency without compromising their intended objectives. In particular, priority shall be given to the use of existing DepEd facilities as venues for official functions. In instances where such facilities are unavailable or unsuitable, the utilization of other government-owned or controlled facilities is highly encouraged as a viable and economical alternative.

The engagement of private venues shall be resorted to only when absolutely necessary and must be supported by appropriate justification, subject to existing government accounting, budgeting, and auditing rules and regulations. Moreover, all concerned offices are strongly advised to limit expenditures related to venue rental,



accommodation, meals, and other incidental costs, and to explore alternative modalities, including virtual or blended arrangements, whenever feasible and appropriate.

All field offices are hereby directed to comply with these guidelines and to foster a culture of accountability, transparency, and fiscal discipline in the discharge of their respective functions.

Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum are hereby directed.

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