DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 018  s. 2016

TO : ERLITO T. DAMO
    Principal II
    Don Mariano Marcos Elem. School

FROM : DEE D. SILVA, DPA, CESO VI

SUBJECT : Conduct of Assessment for Grade 1 Pupil with No Verified LRN

DATE : October 18, 2016

1. Attached herewith is the copy of the letter from DepEd Regional Office XI dated October 11, 2016 regarding the status of the Grade I pupil named Neztle Sheldon B. Timosan enrolled in your school from Bible Is True Christian Academy with address at Brgy. Aplaya, Digos City, whose Learners Reference Number (LRN) cannot be verified from the EBEIS due to the failure of that school to apply/renew its government permit to operate.

2. Attention is directed to the last paragraph of the attached letter advising the conduct of assessment if this pupil is ready for the grade level he is enrolled and if not then the pupil will undergo a catch up activity to be undertaken by the teachers in the school where he is now enrolled.

3. For query regarding the assessment process, you may refer to the Curriculum Implementation Division (CID) of this office.

4. For information, guidance and compliance.
DEE D. SILVA, DPA, CESO VI
Schools Division Superintendent
Division of Digos City

Dear Supt. Silva:

This has reference to your letter dated September 19, 2016, relative to the status of pupils enrolled in public schools as transferees from private school known as the Bible Baptist Is True Christian Academy with office address at Barangay Aplaya, Digos City, whose Learners Reference Number (LRN) cannot be verified from the EBEIS due to the failure of that school to renew its government permit to operate.

However, the said school contended that there is no need to renew its permit since it has the Government Permit No. 001, s. 1996 dated February 26, 1996 purportedly issued to the AsCEP in favor of its 236 member schools.

In view hereof, this Regional Office is reiterating faithful compliance with the directive as expressed and as quoted in full from the letter of ATTY. ALBERTO T. MUYOT, Undersecretary for Legal and Legislative Affairs to MRS. LUDELINE M. GONZALES, MAED, School Principal of Good Shepherd Baptist School, Inc., Panabo City dated March 14, 2012, which is instructive, to wit:

"The issuance of Government Permit No. 001, s. 1996 dated February 26, 1996 which was issued to the AsCEP in favor of its 236 member schools and another unnumbered Government Permit dated October 10, 1997 which expanded the list of recipient member schools to 682 has been found to be irregular.

However, in consideration of the welfare of the pupils and students who are enrolled to these AsCEP member schools, this Office hereby Orders the following:

1. That the Government Permit issued to the AsCEP in favor of its member schools shall be valid but only until the end of School Year 1999-2000;

2. That during the said school year, all AsCEP member schools are individually required to apply for a Permit to Operate or a Certificate of Recognition as the case may be, with the DECS Regional Office that exercises jurisdiction over them; and

3. That no Permit to Operate or Certificate of Recognition shall be issued unless the elementary or secondary school has complied with all DECS requirements, including the submission of its Certificate of Incorporation issued by the Securities and Exchange
It is very clear from the foregoing provisions of DECS Order No. 68, s. 1999 that the issuance of Government Permit No. 001, s. 1996 dated February 26, 1996 to AsCEP in favor of its member schools and another unnumbered Government Permit dated October 10, 1997, "has been found to be irregular."

It is, therefore, necessary that the said school must be properly advised to secure a valid Permit to Operate or Certificate of Recognition for its continued operation and comply with the provisions of the 2011 Manual of Regulations for Private Schools in Basic Education for the issuance of their permit to Operate. Let it be assured that the Regional Office is always willing and ready to extend technical assistance to facilitate such government permit if the necessary requirements are properly submitted.

Further, for the sake of those Grade One students enrolled in public schools this SY 2016-2017, you are hereby advised to conduct assessment if these pupils are ready for the grade level they are enrolled and if not then these pupils will undergo a catch up activity to be undertaken by the teachers in the school where they are now enrolled.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,

ATTY. ALBERTO T. ESCOBARTE, CESO IV
Regional Director

Incl.: As stated

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