Division Memorandum
No. __419__ series 2016

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
Secondary School Principals
OICs Secondary Annexes
OIC Standalone Senior High School
Private Elementary, Secondary and Senior High School
Administrators

RE: Reiteration of No Collection Policy

1. Please be reminded that the "no collection policy" is still in effect with the issuance of Unnumbered Memorandum by Undersecretary Jesus Mateo. (See attachment)

2. Republic Act 5546 mandates that "sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions in any form whatsoever, by any person for any project or purpose, whether voluntary or otherwise, from school children, students and teachers of public and private schools, colleges and universities is...prohibited"

3. However, the law provides for specific exceptions which are detailed in DepED Memorandum No. 143 s. 2016, Reiteration of the No Collection Policy from the Parents-Teachers Association.

4. It has been observed that sale of tickets for play viewing, film showing and audiovisual presentations and conduct of educational tours, allegedly involving unauthorized negotiations of DepEd personnel with private groups has reached the attention of higher authorities. Any such observations in the field must be reported to this Office or to the Offices of the Regional Director and the Secretary of Education for appropriate action.

5. This Office holds everyone responsible and accountable of their actions in defiance to the above-mentioned Order. Please see attachment for more information.

6. For immediate dissemination.

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Regional Directors
Schools Division Superintendents
All Others Concerned

FROM: JESUS L. MATEO
Undersecretary

SUBJECT: Reiteration of the No Collection Policy

DATE: 05 October 2016

It has been brought to our attention that there have been rampant violations of the No Collection Policy, particularly on the sale of tickets for play viewing, film showing and audiovisual presentations, and conduct of educational tours, allegedly involving unauthorized negotiations of DepEd personnel with private groups.

Please be reminded that “sale of tickets and/or the collection of contributions in any form whatsoever, by any person for any project or purpose, whether voluntary or otherwise, from school children, students and teachers of public and private schools, colleges and universities is ... prohibited” as mandated by Republic Act 5546. The law, however, provides for specific exceptions which are further detailed in DepEd Memorandum No. 143, s. 2016, Reiteration of the No Collection Policy from the Parents-Teachers Association. It stipulates the guidelines on the collection of voluntary school contributions and further stressed that:

“...in no case shall non-payment of voluntary school contributions or membership fees shall be made as a basis for admission, nonpromotion, or non-issuance of clearance to a student by the school concerned.”

Accordingly, please be conscious of the existing DepEd guidelines on the conduct of educational field trips and showing of plays/films/audiovisual presentations. Any violation and/or abuse of DepEd policies must be reported to proper authorities as well as this Office immediately.

For your immediate attention and strict compliance.