Division Memorandum No. 629, s. 2017

TO: CID Chief
Division Kindergarten Coordinator
Division SPED Coordinator
Public Schools District Supervisors
Elementary School Heads

ATTENTION: SPED Teachers and SPED-Trained Teachers

FROM: WINNIE E. BATOON, EdD
Officer-In-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: Conference with SPED Teachers and SPED-Trained Teachers

DATE: September 7, 2017

1. In connection with the attached request of Richillie N. Solis, SPED Teacher of Ramon Magsaysay Central Elementary School, this Office will conduct a conference with all Elementary SPED Teachers and SPED-Trained Teachers within the Division on September 13, 2017 at 9:00 o’clock in the morning at the Division Office Conference Hall.

2. Other participants of the said conference are the CID Chief, SPED and Kindergarten Coordinators.

3. For immediate dissemination and compliance.
August 25, 2017

WINNIE E. BATTOON, Ed.D
Officer-in-Charge
Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

Sir;

Greetings of peace and blissful humanity!

We are so fortunate to have the opportunity to make a difference in CSN’s life as we are involved in works that improve the human condition, as we are part of shaping the present and future of PWDs with our relentless and unceasing pursuit for equality of life for these children.

We hold true to our calling, we stayed with the SPED program aboveboard despite challenges sometimes unbearable.

The recent instruction to us to enroll our special children to Kindergarten as mandated, stir a bit of confusion for us SPED Teachers. Although, we submit to the principle of inclusion as it should be; as it is the way it should but what confuses us that we feel that our role commensurate with the role of Kindergarten Teachers, to prepare children for formal schooling; or for SPED Teachers to prepare CSNs to formal school.

As we are mandated to enroll our children to Kindergarten (as spelled-out in Kindergarten and K-12 Act), yes, we submit to that; but what is confusing for us is some of these CSNs have been with us for 3 years already and are of age (10 years old and up) too old to be in Kindergarten in which environment will just make them more handicap with small children all-around. Considering these facts, we wish that these CSNs who are already of age will be enrolled as Grade I, not as Kindergarten which we would like to appeal you to peruse with utmost care.

Relative thereto, may I request that a conference will be called by your office together with some SPED Teachers and SPED-Trained Teachers of Digos Oriental District who are handling SPED classes to clear, to iron-out and extricate this confusion that envelop our process.

We just would want to present our side whether it is in our favor or not for as long as we can bring this matter to you as there are other matters of great concern we want to all-out.

It is hoped and prayed that this letter be given preferential attention and immediate action. Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

RICHILIE N. SOLIS
School SPED Coordinator

Noted:

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