DIVISION MEMORANDUM
No. 276, s. 2016

TO: Public Schools District Supervisors
   School Heads
   Private School Administrators

FROM: DEE D. SILVA, DPA, CESO VI
   Schools Division Superintendent

SUBJECT: AGE REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN

DATE: June 7, 2016

1. Herewith is a copy of the DepEd Region XI Advisory No. 060, s. 2016 re: above - named subject, the letter-reply from Hon. Dina S. Ocampo, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction which cited the implementation of D.O. No. 5, s. 2016 relative to the age requirement of Kindergarten pupils addressed to Fr. Joel Tabora, S. J., President, Ateneo de Davao University.

2. For information and guidance.
June 1, 2016
DepEd Region XI ADVISORY No. 060, s. 2016

AGE REQUIREMENT FOR KINDERGARTEN

TO: All Schools Division Superintendents

Attached hereto is a copy of the letter-reply from Hon. Dina S. Ocampo, Undersecretary for Curriculum and Instruction, which was addressed to Fr. Joel Tabora, S.J., President, Ateneo de Davao University, on the latter's appeal of the implementation of D.O. No. 5, s. 2016 relative to the age requirement of Kindergarten pupils, relevant portions are quoted hereunder:

"Schools that strictly follow the DepEd curriculum are those under the public school system. Whilst private schools follow the standards of the DepEd, they also have the latitude to build on and enhance the curriculum and standards set by Department. If a learner entering Kindergarten is below five (5) years of age, the DepEd recommends that reliable forms of assessment be performed by the school to ensure that the learner is capable to meet the expectations of the next grade level."

For your guidance and dissemination.

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