DIVISION MEMORANDUM
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ADVISORY ON INVESTMENT SCAM

To: Division Chiefs
   Public Schools District Supervisors
   Education Program Supervisors
   Public School Heads
   Public School Teachers
   All SDO Personnel
   All Others Concerned

1. Herewith are the copies of the Regional Memorandum dated February 13, 2020 signed by Evelyn R. Fetalvero, CESO IV, Assistant Regional Director, Officer-In-Charge, Office of the Regional Director and the advisory from Leonor M. Briones, Secretary, Department of Education, re: Advisory on Investment Scam. The advisory is relative to the communication issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), disclosing to the public that they have received numerous reports allegedly encouraging teachers to invest in the following programs:
   a. Teachers Financial Coaching Program
   b. Teachers Financial Freedom Program
   c. Elite Teachers Financial Program
   d. Teachers Financial Program

2. All DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel are hereby advised to be cautious and not to deal with the individuals offering the programs, as they are considered as “investment scam”. Furthermore, those who participated in the said illegal activities may be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the law.

3. For information and compliance.

CRISTY C. EPE
Schools Division Superintendent

For and in the absence of the SDS:

SOLLIE B. OLIVER, JD, MATE
Chief ES SGOD
Officer-In-Charge

Enclosure:

Reference:

To be indicated in the Perpetual Index under the following subjects:

SUBJECT:

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February 26, 2020
MEMORANDUM

To : Schools Division Superintendents/OIC-SDSs

Subject: ADVISORY ON INVESTMENT SCAM

Date : February 13, 2020

Herewith is the advisory dated January 21, 2020, from Hon. Leonor Magtolis-Briones, Secretary, Department of Education, relative to the advisory issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), disclosing to the public that they have received numerous reports regarding the unknown entity allegedly encouraging public school teachers to invest in its programs enumerated below:

1. Teachers Financial Coaching Program
2. Teachers Financial Freedom Program
3. Elite Teachers Financial Program; and
4. Teachers Financial Program

In this regard, all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel are hereby advised to be cautious and not to deal with individuals offering the above-mentioned programs, as they are considered as “investment scam”. Those who participated in the said illegal activities may be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the law.

For immediate dissemination and strict compliance.

EVELYN R. FETALVERO, CESO IV
Assistant Regional Director
Office-In-Charge
Office of the Regional Director

Enclosed: As Stated.

Empowerment Adaptable Goal-oriented Leadership Excellence
ADVISORY

To All DepEd Teaching and Non-Teaching Personnel

Please be informed that the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) issued an Advisory, copy attached, disclosing to the public that they have received numerous reports regarding the unknown entity allegedly encouraging public school teachers (PSTs) to invest in its programs enumerated below:

1. Teachers Financial Coaching Program (TFCP);
2. Teachers Financial Freedom Program (TFFP);
3. Elite Teachers Financial Program (ETFp); and
4. Teachers Financial Program (TFP)

As represented in the aforementioned SEC Advisory, the said unknown entity offers the PSTs to invest an amount of PhP115,000.00 or assist them to obtain loan from a bank for the said amount, in exchange of PhP11,000.00 worth of beauty products/food supplements and a cheque amounting to PhP10,500.00, or a total of PhP21,500.00 only, and with a condition that each PST/investor will also recruit new members. In return, he/she will be paid another PhP11,000.00 for every new member recruited. Moreover, as an attraction to the PSTs, it likewise offers training seminars on financial literacy and promises a debt-free life, double net pay, owning a car, travel with family and savings in the bank. However, it is neither registered with the SEC nor authorized to solicit investments from the public.

In this regard, all DepEd teaching and non-teaching personnel are hereby advised to be cautious and not to deal with individuals offering the above-mentioned programs, as they are considered as "Investment scam". Those who participated in the said illegal activities may be prosecuted and held criminally liable under the law.

In case you encounter similar case, please report it to the SEC's Enforcement and Investor Protection Department, at telephone number 8818-6047 or e-mail at epd@sec.gov.ph, copy furnished, DepEd Action Center with e-mail address action@deped.gov.ph, for appropriate action of the Department.

Please be guided accordingly.

LEONOR MAGTOLIS BRIONES
Secretary
TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP)

TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) is NOT registered with the Commission either as a corporation or a partnership and is not authorized to solicit investments from the public.

The Commission has received numerous reports regarding the activities of an entity using the following names: (1) TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP); (2) TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP); (3) ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP); and (4) TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP).

Based on the information gathered by the Commission, TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) has been soliciting the public school teachers to invest an amount of Php10,000.00 or more like teachers to secure a loan from a bank for the said amount to exchange for Php11,500.00 worth of beauty products/food supplements and a check amounting to Php10,500.00. However, the investor will be required to enroll new members to further receive another Php1,000.00 for each recruit. Said entity frequently offers seminars on financial literacy and promises a debt-free life, double net pay, owning a car, travel with family and savings in the bank.

The public is hereby informed that based on the records of the Commission, TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) is NOT registered with the Commission either as a corporation or a partnership. Further, it is not authorized to solicit investments from the public as the aforementioned entity did not secure prior registration and/or license to solicit investments from the Commission as required under Section 6 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

Those who act as solicitors, brokers, dealers, or agents of TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by it, including doing solicitations or recruitment through the internet may likewise be prosecuted and be held criminally liable under Section 28 of the SRC and punished with a maximum fine of FIVE MILLION PESOS (P5,000,000.00) or a maximum penalty of TWENTY (21) years imprisonment or BOTH pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (SEC vs. Odessa Serilo, G.R. No. 198942, 19 March 2014).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

In view of the foregoing, the public is hereby advised to exercise self-restraint from investing their money into such high-risk, high-risk investment scheme and to take the necessary precautions in dealing with individuals maintaining the above-named entity.

Should you have any information about the business operations of TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFPP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP), please call the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department at telephone numbers 635-67041 or email at infogp@secp.gov.ph.

For the guidance of the public.
SEC ADVISORY

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The public is hereby informed that based on the records of the Commission, TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) is NOT registered with the Commission either as a corporation or a partnership. Further, it is not authorized to solicit investments from the public as the abovementioned entity did not secure prior registration and/or license to solicit investments from the Commission as prescribed under Section 8 of the Securities Regulation Code (SRC).

Those who act as salesmen, brokers, dealers, or agents of TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP) in selling or convincing people to invest in the investment scheme being offered by it including doing solicitations or recruitment through the internet may likewise be prosecuted and held criminally liable under Section 78 of the SRC and punished with a maximum fine of FIVE MILLION PESOS (50,000,000.00) or a maximum penalty of TWENTY ONE (21) years imprisonment or BOTH pursuant to Section 73 of the SRC (SEC vs. Dugan Santos, G. R. No. 195542, 19 March 2014).

Furthermore, the names of all those involved will be reported to the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) so that the appropriate penalties and/or taxes be correspondingly assessed.

In view of the foregoing, the public is hereby advised to exercise self-restraint from investing their money into such high-yield, high-risk investment scheme and to take the necessary precaution in dealing with individuals representing the above-named entity.

Should you have any information about the business operations of TEACHERS FINANCIAL COACHING PROGRAM (TFCP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL FREEDOM PROGRAM (TFFP)/ELITE TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (ETFP)/TEACHERS FINANCIAL PROGRAM (TFP), please call the Enforcement and Investor Protection Department at telephone numbers 8818-6047 or email at cpid@sec.gov.ph.

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