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Digos City



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Reference: Letter from Dr. Delia T. Gonzales, Treasurer and General Campaign Chairperson,
the Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Incorporated

**VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS/DONATIONS FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE
PHILIPPINE TUBERCULOSIS SOCIETY, INCORPORATED**

1. Attached is a campaign letter from The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Incorporated regarding call for donations for the benefit of tuberculosis patients and in support to the society's programs to combat the disease.
2. The letter is hereby disseminated for the information of all teachers and learners of public schools under this division with the reiteration that the DepEd issuance on No Collection Policy and other related implementation issuances are complied with.


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Comments/Recommendations re: **Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc.** (please see attached basic communication from PTSI)

Comments: Strictly speaking and based on laws passed in the Philippines, collection of monetary contributions is not allowed. Republic Act 4206, is an act that prohibits the collection of contributions from school children of public primary and intermediate schools. The law was later amended to also include private schools with Republic Act 5546.

"Collection of money from students especially from students at all levels without parents' written consent for any school activity, project or program is illegal and unethical."

Department of Education (DepEd) Memorandum No. 143, s. 2016 clearly emphasizes "no fees shall be collected from school children in Kindergarten up to Grade 4 anytime during the school year, while no collection of fees shall be made for Grade 5 to High School students from June to July. The allowable collections must be voluntary (optional) in nature and are directly related to a student's membership in the school community. These consist of the following: Boy Scouts of the Philippines (BSP), Girl Scouts of the Philippines (GSP), Philippine National Red Cross (PNRC), Anti-TB Fund Drive, Parents-Teachers Association (PTAs), School Publication, and Membership in pupil/ student organizations."

Money may be collected for certain causes but on a voluntary basis. "Donations or money collection to promote social responsibility may be an opportunity for families to appreciate and express the virtues of generosity and kindness." However, to avoid exploitation, it must be, at all times:

- coursed through the parents through formal writing
- voluntary
- require no specific amount
- be for a charitable cause
- be well-accounted for
- reflect transparency;
- show proof or evidence of its use.

"A proven method to encourage parents to help the school in carrying out social responsibility and concern is through parent coordinators for classrooms and levels, and even school-wide through a PTA system. It is of course expedient that pupils and students themselves get actively involved in the social projects of the school. Hence, social responsibility should be a matter that concerns parents, teachers, staff, and pupils/students in various modes. It cannot be the exclusive domain of any sector in the school."

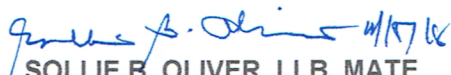
Recommendation: It is strongly recommended that this letter be disseminated to the entire schools' community of DepEd-Digos City Division, with a reiteration that their end strictly comply with DepEd issuance on the No Collection Policy, and other related implementation issuances thereof.

Call or email DepEd public assistance station for any complaints, concerns, and questions at 636-1669, 633-1942, 0919-456-0027, and through action@deped.gov.ph.

Call, reach, and/or email the:

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Dear Dr. Battoon,

The Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. (PTSI) has been in the forefront in the fight against tuberculosis since its inception in 1910. PTSI is a private, not-for-profit organization complementing the government's National Tuberculosis Program (NTP) in the detection, treatment, and control of tuberculosis. It is more popularly known for its hospital arm, the Quezon Institute.

With the consistent gains worldwide, the World Health Organization looks forward to the elimination of TB by 2030. In contrast, the 2016 National TB Prevalence Survey found that TB incidence in the Philippines is actually three times the reported figures. Tuberculosis, a long time national health concern, is the 8th leading cause of illness and death in the country. The Philippines remains among the top 22 countries in the world with the highest TB burden.

The fight against tuberculosis begins with the detection of presumptive and active cases. In the Philippines, there are many TB-prone but hard to reach areas. To intensify detection, PTSI intends to roll-out mobile clinics equipped with digital X-ray and geneXpert machines. These technological innovations can accurately diagnose TB disease within a few hours. One mobile clinic could easily cost P7.0 million.

We call on your kind and generous heart to support our leapfrog approach in detecting TB cases, ensuring early treatment and reducing the spread of infection. Your donations (in cash or check) may be deposited in the name of Philippine Tuberculosis Society, Inc. to **BPI Account No. 3041-1307-91** (España, Quezon Avenue Branch). To facilitate the confirmation of your donation, please fax (781-3747) or email (rsalfonso.frd@philtbsociety.org) the bank validated deposit slip indicating your name and contact details. You may also call our Fundraising Department at 740-8160 or 781-3761 local 161 and look for Mr. Almario Alfonso to arrange pick up of your donation.

Thank you and God bless you and your family with much abundance!

Sincerely yours,

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DR. NELIA T. GONZALEZ

Treasurer and General Campaign Chairperson