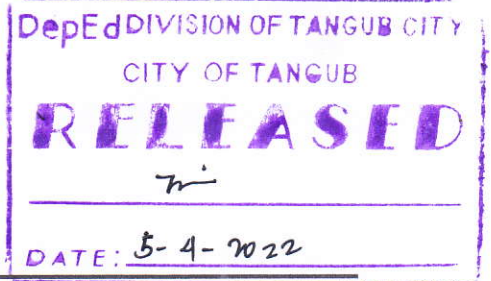




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Department of Education
Region X
SCHOOLS DIVISION OF TANGUB CITY



Office of the Schools Division Superintendent

May 4, 2022

DIVISION MEMORANDUM

No. 111, s. 2022

To: Assistant Schools Division Superintendent
CID and SGOD Chief Education Supervisors
Education Program Supervisor
Public Schools District In- Charge
Elementary and Secondary School Heads
Section/ Unit Heads
All Others Concerned
This Division

SUBJECT: REITERATION OF PROHIBITION ON ELECTIONEERING AND PARTISAN POLITICAL ACTIVITY

1. To ensure that government workers will remain focused on affairs of the government, to do away with spoils system, and to shield public servants from the vagaries of politics, this Office reiterates the prohibition on electioneering partisan political activity to all teaching, teaching related and non- teaching personnel.
2. Article IX-B, Section 2(b), paragraph 4 of the 1987 Constitution states that **no officer or employee in the civil service shall engage, directly or indirectly, in electioneering or partisan political campaign.**
3. The Omnibus Election Code, as amended, prohibits government officials and employees from engaging in any electioneering and partisan political activity and considers the commission thereof as an election offense punishable by law. The same prohibition is found on Book V, Title I, Chapter 8, Section 55 of the Executive Order No. 292, or the Administrative Code of 1987.
4. In accordance with existing rules and regulations promulgated by the CSC, the Commission on Elections (COMELEC), and jurisprudence, the following are regarded as partisan political activities, which refer to acts designated to promote the election or defeat of a particular candidate or party to public office:
 - a. Forming organizations, associations, clubs, committees, or other groups of persons for the purpose of soliciting votes and /or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - b. Making speeches, announcements, or commentaries, or holding interviews for or against the election of any candidate or party for public office;



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- c. Holding political caucuses, conferences, meetings, rallies, parades, or other similar assemblies for the purpose of soliciting votes and / or undertaking any campaign for or against a candidate/party;
 - d. Publishing, displaying or distributing campaign literature, or materials designed to support or oppose the election of any candidate or party;
 - e. Directly or indirectly soliciting votes, pledges, or support for or against a candidate or party;
 - f. Being a delegate to any political convention, or a member of any political committee or directorate, or an officer of any political club or other similar political organizations;
 - g. Receiving any contributions for political purposes, either directly or indirectly;
 - h. Becoming publicly identified with the success or failure of any candidate/s or party/ies;
 - i. Wearing of t-shirts or pins, caps or any other similar election paraphernalia bearing names of the candidates or political party except as authorized by the Commission on Elections;
 - j. Being a watcher for a political party or candidate during the election;
 - k. Consistent presence in political rallies, caucuses of, and continuous companionship with certain political candidates and/ or political party in said political activities, causing the employee to be closely identified with such candidate and/or political party;
 - l. Giving personal, financial or other monetary contributions, supplies, equipment and materials for the benefit of a candidate and/ or political party;
 - m. Utilizing government resources such as personnel, including job order or contract of service hires, time, and properties for political purposes;
 - n. Distributing handbills/leaflets;
 - o. Attendance at political meetings and caucuses; and
 - p. Distribution of letters indicating intention to run for public office.
5. All DepEd officials (including third level officials), teaching and non-teaching personnel, are prohibited from engaging in any electioneering or partisan political
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activity, subject to the exclusion under paragraphs 12 and 14 of the attachment to the enclosed CSC Resolution.

6. DepEd officials are prohibited from using their position of authority to influence teaching and/or non-teaching personnel under their supervision or jurisdiction to support any preferred candidate or political party.

7. Any of the abovementioned prohibited act/s committed by DepEd official/personnel shall be dealt with in accordance with the DepEd Order No. 49, s. of 2006 (Revised Rules of Procedure of the Department of Education in Administrative Cases), the Revised Rules on Administrative Cases in the Civil Service, the Omnibus Election Code.

8. Immediate dissemination and strict compliance with this Memorandum.

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Incl: As stated

Reference: As stated

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