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DIVISION MEMORANDUM

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To: Education Program Supervisors,
Public Schools District Supervisors /PS District In-charge
Elementary/Secondary School Heads
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From : **CHERRY MAE L. LIMBACO, Ph.D., CESO V**
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Re: **REITERATING DEPED ORDER 9, S.2014 RE: 2014 GRADUATION RITES**

1. Pursuant to DepEd Order No. 9, s. 2014 dated February 25, 2014, the 2014 Graduation Rites shall focus on the theme "*Hindi Natitinag ang Pusong Pilipino.*" This theme highlights the resilience of the Filipino spirit amidst the recent calamities faced during the school year(SY). It also celebrates the ability of the Filipinos to triumph over these challenges.

2. In line with the government's austerity program, the DepEd reiterates the following policies:

- Graduation rites should be simple but meaningful affairs which encourage civic rites, sense of community, and personal responsibilities. While these rites mark a milestone in the life of the graduates, these should be conducted without excessive spending, extravagant attire, or extraordinary venue;
- Non-academic projects such as attendance to field trips, film showing, JS Promenade and other school events, but not limited to these events should not be imposed as requirements for graduation;

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- Expenses relative to the activity should be charged to the school Maintenance and Other Operating(MOOE) under the 2014 Budget;
- No DepEd personnel is allowed to collect any graduation fees or any kind of contribution; and
- Parents and Teachers Associations (PTAs) may give donations in cash or in kind.

3. This office discourages contribution for the annual yearbook. However, schools may opt to innovate an e-yearbook in the Facebook or in any social media thereby ensuring no collection for such.

4. Furthermore, the graduation rites should be conducted in an appropriate solemn ceremony befitting the graduating pupils and students with their parents, and shall not be used as a political forum.

5. Please refer to the separate memo for the Schedule of 2014 Closing / Graduation Exercises.

6. Immediate and wide dissemination of this Memorandum is desired.

7. For information and guidance.

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Reference: DepEd Order : Nos. 9 s. 2014